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Five were added to the Church at Montevallo, Ala., where editor L. L. Gualtney assisted Pastor O. J. Chastain in a good meeting.

We are glad to see that the Church at Shelby has secured a pastor in the person of brother L. B. Golden, who resigns at Worthville, Ky.

Northern Baptists report a financial victory for their mission work. Including the Rockefeller conditional gift, the contributions exceed those of last year by more than a half million dollars.

\$1,173 as the amount that went to foreign missions as a result of request made by Dr. C. Woelfkin that instead of sending flowers to his funeral, friends would give the money to missions.

First Christian Impulses is a new book from the Sunday School Board press and written by Dr. H. L. Winburn. It has been reviewed in the Record, but if you haven't gotten it yet, you have a treat ahead of you. He is one of our best preachers.

The following states have reported receipts for the Cooperative Program for the year ending May 1, 1928. The figures include designated gifts: Mississippi \$337,533.27; North Carolina \$693,197.03; Tennessee \$473,081.83; Alabama \$340,764.35.

Pastor T. J. Barksdale went from Mississippi to Calvary Church, Louisville, Ky., twelve years ago. Recently he preached in his own meeting for the third time, and 27 were added to the church. An educational annex is under construction to cost \$15,000.

A providential accident took us to Madison Sunday to preach the commencement sermon for the Consolidated School there. A fine class of three young women and three young men was graduated. Professor Wooten seems to have a fine teaching family, and the people showed their esteem of the school by a good attendance. The Baptist people here have put on strength in the past few years.

The election of a Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board to succeed the lamented Dr. J. F. Love will be in the minds of many attending the Southern Baptist Convention. But the election is not in the hands of the Convention itself, but in the hands of the Foreign Mission Board, just as the election of a State Mission Secretary in Mississippi is in the hands of our State Convention Board. Of course, the Convention could take the matter in hand if it chose, but it is not apt to do so. Custom in this matter has not been uniform. Some state conventions elect their secretaries, not leaving it to their boards. For a short period of time, perhaps twelve years, the Southern Baptist Convention elected the Secretaries of its boards, taking it out of the hands of the boards. This seemed at the time a sort of political move, and a few years ago the Convention put the matter back into the hands of the boards. The boards are appointed annually, or reappointed. Pray the Lord to direct the nominating committee, and pray that the Foreign Mission Board may find God's man for this place.

J. H. Buchanan of Paris, Tenn., assisted Pastor L. T. Hastings in a meeting at Monroe, La.—45 additions.

Brother J. J. Mayfield is preaching two Sunday afternoons to the Church at Farmhaven, Madison County. We had the pleasure of supplying for him recently at Canton.

If any states of this Union need prohibition they are Maryland and New York which have the largest percentage of deaths from alcohol.

Carlyle Brooks has led the singing in meetings recently in Camilla, Moultrie and Monticello, Ga. In these meetings 121 were added to the churches. Preaching was by W. L. Cutts and R. J. Bateman.

Northern Methodists in the General Conference in session in Kansas City saw no way of uniting with Catholics, or Episcopalians or Southern Methodists; but not to be outdone they are making googoo eyes at the Northern Presbyterians.

The Baptist of Chicago says the only states not giving public aid to mother little dependent children are, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, New Mexico and South Carolina. We don't know about the others, but you are wrong about Mississippi, brother.

Two recent books by the Sunday School Board are "Lamps of Gold" by Dr. S. J. Porter, Pastor of First Church, Washington, and "Some Fruit of the Gospel" by George W. Leavell, M.D., missionary to China. The first is a book of sermons and sells for \$1.75, the other is derived from missionary experience in China.

An advertising agent was in our office last week and inquired as to the circulation of The Baptist Record. When told the present paid in advance list of subscribers he opened his eyes wide and said, "There is no other paper in Mississippi that equals that." People who have anything to sell do well to take notice. Some of our Baptist institutions could fill up their empty space by advertising in The Baptist Record rather than in a secular paper.

The grave of the unknown soldier has a peculiar significance to some whose sons or brothers never came back from the World War. Among those reported "missing" after fearful fighting at the battle front was one of our own Mississippi men, Mr. Arthur Hurt Taylor. He was a brilliant alumnus of Mississippi College, graduating about 1900. He was a brother to Judge O. B. Taylor of Jackson, Prof. W. N. Taylor of Clinton and Editor Ed. Taylor of Hazlehurst. Some who loved him have recently gotten out in his memory a little book of "Poems and Editorials" from his pen which is a fragrant wreath of affection. The Introduction is by his friend and instructor in College, Dr. A. J. Aven. These few productions from the pen of Mr. Taylor show his nature, ability and reveal something of his fine character. Those who were forbidden the comfort of dropping a tear on his grave have sought in the publishing this little book to show the esteem in which he is held.

Recently 1200 prisoners in India were given the choice of a new book as a present. They were all Hindus and 800 asked for a New Testament.

W. M. Wood resigns pastorate of Belmont Heights church, Nashville, to become manager of financial campaign for Tennessee College for Women at Murfreesboro, June 1.

North Shore Church, Chicago, has had the greatest year in its history with 242 additions and \$85,753.80 given for all purposes, more than half of which was for benevolences.

You will find in this week's issue or the next a petition which you are requested to sign and circulate protesting the Democratic Convention at Houston against the nomination of any wet for the presidency of the United States. Put your name to such a petition and pass it around.

Brother D. W. McLeod, who preaches at Potts Camp on the second and fourth Sundays and at Red Banks on the third, has been called to the Baptist Church at Cornersville for the first Sundays. All of these churches are in the Marshall County Association.

Pastor J. H. Hooks of Moorhead writes:

We begin a revival here June 3rd and will continue through June 17th. The writer will do the preaching and the music will be directed by Mr. Frank Graziadei of Chattanooga. Those who are interested will please remember us in prayer. Services will be held in a tent.

Shades of Nero and all his ilk! Recently in a celebration of the first arrivals at Cape Henry, Va., a clergyman spoke on "Religious Liberty." He must have been "agin it" for his predecessors in office in that ancient commonwealth did what they could to suppress it, to the imprisonment of Baptists. But with some people religious liberty means license to guzzle. He spoke against prohibition.

The most recent press dispatches read indicate a desire, or at least a willingness, on the part of Japan to take her troubles with China to the "League of Nations." This may be due to a willingness to do right, or a desire to stand favorably with other nations or to a fear of the consequences of starting trouble. But whatever the reason, we hope it will be done. Why should one nation be permitted to start trouble which certainly endangers the peace of the whole world. Meanwhile we Americans assume the asinine attitude of aloofness from all peaceful agencies.

The Committee from the Texas Convention which had under consideration the removal of Baylor University had another meeting last week and reversed itself, now recommending that the school remain at Waco and not be removed to Dallas. A straw vote showed the pastors and others generally opposed to the move; and it is probable that the question would have been carried into the courts. The people of Waco now propose to raise \$1,000,000 for Baylor if the others in the state will give another \$1,000,000 in the next seven years. The Convention will still be called in extra session in June to confirm this action and to start the work of raising the money promised.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL AND BUNYAN'S GRAVE (By P. I. Lipsey, Jr.)

London, England.—We have visited the fountain-head of Methodism—Wesley's Chapel in the "East City" of London—and viewed just across the street in an old burial ground the tomb of a great Baptist who died before the Wesleyan movement began.

Our pastor, the Rev. A. Cunningham Burley, who has preached in London for 20 years and at Windsor, near London, five years, was our companion and guide. We saw many things intimately committed with the lives of John Wesley, great preacher-organizer, and his brother Charles the preacher poet.

Before entering the Wesley Chapel we visited in the Methodist Publishing House, next door, on City Road in the midst of a rather drab section of London. Here our pastor gained favor by displaying some manuscripts of letters to John Wesley and to later Wesleyan leaders which Mr. Burley had inherited from C. H. Spurgeon.

From the outside, Wesley's Chapel is unimpressive, of brick construction in the modern architectural style, quite distinct from the Gothic character which most of the Anglican churches affect. But within it is impressively beautiful.

The auditorium with the deep horseshoe gallery probably will seat 1500 persons. It is almost square. The pulpit shoots up like a tall pillar in the midst of choir seat and some distance behind the keyboard of the pipe organ.

Brown marble pillars support the gallery. The windows in colored or stained glass, contain memorials or symbolic pictures. Between the windows are bronze memorial tablets and bust statues of the mighty preachers who were John Wesley's disciples and successors in this shrine.

Here and there are bronze figures of John Wesley, revealing his powerful, almost American Indian-like face with fine aquiline nose, and outstretched hands of exhortation. Unlike their leader, the famous preachers who followed Wesley there appeared to be men of generous bodies with big Irish "pug" noses. From this house Wesleyan ministers went out to propagate the Methodist doctrine in America and every continent.

We went into Wesley's house, in the chapel yard. In this quiet, dignified 18th century home we saw the study-library in which the two evangelical brothers labored. Here were the manuscripts of many letters and sacred poems which came from their pens, and many personal mementoes. The writing desks at which they sat were magnificent and now almost priceless masterpieces of craftsmanship. They contained countless drawers, and each had secret compartments where they must have hid precious possessions.

At this desk there, Charles Wesley wrote many of the 6,000 hymns which he composed.

A little old silver spoon we saw had been John Wesley's. When a tax once had been imposed on silver, Wesley told the tax collector: "I have only three silver spoons, one in London and two in Bristol, and I shall have no more as long as there are men who want bread." This was one of the Bristol spoons.

As we left, we came down the stairs which John Wesley descended each morning to say to his housekeeper: "Good morning, Betty. Are you serving Jesus today? Are you rejoicing?"

In the museum of the publishing house, we saw many other relics of the Wesleys, including perhaps a hundred porcelain, wax, iron, and bronze statuettes of the founder of Methodism. Some of these were caricatures, made by enemies.

But most interesting to me was a replica of his big tea-pot, which had two verses on its rounded sides. I had seen or heard these verses before; where was it, I pondered. Then I remembered.

On the day that William Jennings Bryan died (or perhaps the day before) in a little home in

Dayton, Tenn., the Commoner had taught these verses to his young host, Richard Rogers. While the body of the Fundamentalist champion lay in the home, Rogers told me of these verses, which Mr. Bryan had used as "grace before meals", and I had put a little story about them on the wires. And now in London I had unexpectedly found the originals of the prayer verses!

In front of the house is the white shaft over the grave of the Wesley's mother, Susannah Wesley, wife of a vicar. John was the fifteenth child and Charles the eighteenth of the family. There were in the house portraits of several women of the Wesley family, but no mention anywhere of John's wife. I inquired and learned the unhappy truth.

John Wesley married the wrong woman. Or, perhaps she served a purpose as his thorn in the flesh. Mrs. Wesley was madly jealous, enraged by the attentions her husband received from women among the thousands who loved him. Her jealousy was, of course, absurd. She would sit in the congregation as Wesley preached and make hideous faces at him. Once she rose up and denounced him in violent language. Wesley, it is related, dropped his face upon his hands for a few moments, then raised them to say with tears:

"Dear Brethren, she has accused me of every sin, up to murder."

This woman, who eventually deserted him, was not the first heart-ache of the kind in Wesley's life. When he and his brother as young men came to Georgia to be missionaries among General Oglethorpe's rude colonists, John had fallen in love with the daughter of a great family. This proud maid—greatly to the astonishment and grief of the confident young churchman—declined the offer of his love.

We crossed City Road from the chapel to enter Bunhill Fields, a small acre sown with gray and crumbling grave stones. Bunhill is the "bone hill" where were buried the non-conformists, denied a resting place in the grounds of English churches. Soon we found the marble tomb of John Bunyan, eloquent preacher and author of those mighty gospel works, "Grace Abounding," "Pilgrims Progress", and "Holy War". On the sides of the monument to the inspired "brazier of Bedford", are two relief figures of Christian, the pilgrim; in one he bears his burden, in the other his burden has dropped from him, before the Cross.

Very soon we hope to visit the home of Bunyan, in Bedford, and write for the Baptist Record a story of the place where the simple Puritan lived, and suffered imprisonment, and wrote his immortal allegories.

In this "bone hill" also we saw the graves of Daniel Defoe, who wrote Robinson Crusoe, and Isaac Watts, the author of many gospel songs. Not far away we saw where George Whitfield used to preach to throngs so vast that publicans hated him for taking their customers from their drinking bars.

By Dr. J. H. Rushbrooks, Baptist commissioner For Europe

The law of Religions has, according to the latest news, been accepted by both Houses of the Rumanian Parliament, and awaits the formal assent of the Regency. The Government has kept the promise given a few months ago to extend the recognition of Baptists over the whole land. It has even gone beyond what was promised by securing the Parliamentary enactment of the recognition, so that henceforth it will be beyond the power of any Minister to withdraw the recognition by administrative action. There are perils, nevertheless. The recognized denominations have to submit "statutes," and to secure the Government's approval of these, and all too often the approval is withheld unless the statutes concede a degree of official interference that subverts the independence of the Churches. The situation will require close watching.

DAYS OF RE-CONSTRUCTION

By M. H. Wolfe, Dallas, Texas

After the civil war of the sixties the people of the South faced a devastated country and reconstruction days.

They had plenty of lumber and brick to rebuild the houses and plenty of rails to rebuild the fences and enough plows and oxen to cultivate the farms, but the heart breaking task was to restore confidence in the government at Washington.

Men like Robert E. Lee and Henry W. Grady staked their all on the promise that it could be done. About that time one of the great life insurance companies of New York offered Robert E. Lee a salary of fifty thousand dollars a year to become the president of the company. In making reply General Lee said in substance: "Gentlemen, I thank you for the offer, but I cannot accept fifty thousand dollars a year to come to New York; but I will accept fifteen hundred dollars a year salary and become the president of Washington & Lee University, where I can revive the spirit of the Southland and restore confidence in the government at Washington."

That's the case of the Baptists in Texas and the South today.

Baptists have plenty of money to pay our debts and build our institutions and promote the kingdom of Jesus Christ around the world, but the crying and imperative need of the hour is to restore confidence in the management of our affairs.

Men with the sacrificial spirit of Robert E. Lee can gather up our people and place them on their feet again and restore confidence in the future operations of the Baptists but men with axes to grind and selfish interests to promote and monkeys to save need not apply.

Sentiment is a great asset and Baptist traditions cast a halo of glory around our cause but it takes brains and money to build institutions.

It takes that type of brains and money stripped of every personal ambition and selfish greed and dedicated to the cause of Jesus Christ without fear of punishment or the hope of reward.

The Baptists of Texas and the South have plenty of such brains and millions of such money seeking investment today. But capital, whether brains or money, is timid and holds back and waits when uncertainty arises.

The false note that has been sounded concerning the origin of man and the deity of Jesus Christ and the debate on evolution has frightened and puzzled multiplied thousands of our people. And the stamp of disloyalty that has been placed upon men who have stood unflinchingly for the faith once delivered to the saints has caused multiplied thousands of others to wonder, whether, after all the cause of Jesus Christ is worthy of financial support.

Such false notes and debates and stamp of disloyalty have never had and never will have any place among Baptists; and it now looks like the end has been reached; if so, there is a chance to re-construct our beloved denomination on the platform planted by Jesus Christ when he delivered the great commission.

Dr. C. S. Henderson of Greenville says the recent meeting in the church there was one of the best he was ever in. Dr. W. R. Rigell of Gadsden, Ala., was the preacher and Mr. T. S. Doty led the singing, and the people were satisfied with both. The meeting lasted ten days and there were 71 additions to the church, making about 100 since Jan. 1st. The members of the church were thoroughly cooperative in the work and are rejoicing in the refreshing which came to them. Pastor Henderson has proven a worthy leader in the church and community. These people were the hardest hit by the overflow a year ago of any in the State, but they have proven that they can come back after the worst has been done. The church has arranged for every family to get The Baptist Record.

Housetop and Inner Chamber

Pastor O. C. Cooper of Farmerville, La., could assist in meetings in Mississippi in the Summer.

Pastor F. W. Roth has resigned at Cleveland to accept a call to White Haven, Tenn., a suburb of Memphis. His people give him up with regret.

We are sorry to hear that it has been necessary for Pastor J. N. McMillin of Louisville to go to the Baptist Hospital in Memphis for an operation.

Evangelist W. F. Frazier will assist in a meeting at Osyka beginning May 20. In a recent meeting at Oran, Missouri where he preached there were forty additions.

If Governor Smith should become President of the United States, we would be almost sure to have trouble with Mexico. Do you want your sons to be sent to Mexico to be killed or to kill?

The Christian Index, always sensible and practical, protests against the "death traps" on our highways caused by no markings for road crossings and by parking cars on the highway.

Mr. Hiram Vrooman of Washington, D. C., is urging a combination of Southern Democrats and Western Republicans to secure the future enforcement of the eighteenth amendment.

Brother M. A. E. Jayroe of Ackerman has passed his ninety-first birthday, but renews his subscription and says he will as long as he can see to read. The celestial hills are not far away.

A good meeting with 22 additions to First Church, Macon, Ga., in which Dr. Roland Q. Leavell of Gainesville assisted. Another meeting at West Point, Ga., led by brother Leavell added 20.

More college students today are in love with Greek athletics than the Greek language. There are more who are familiar with the stadium than with Plato or Socrates or Zenophon, not to mention Aristotle, etc.

There has been no protracted meeting in Griffith Memorial Church for several years, but people are joining constantly, about fifty since the first of the year. Of this number Pastor D. A. McCall has baptized about 20.

Unitarians have claimed that Sarah Frances Adams who wrote "Nearer My God To Thee" was a Unitarian, but now comes Dr. Willis and says she was the daughter of a Baptist preacher and granddaughter of a Baptist preacher.

Brother C. C. Jones assisted Pastor J. T. Phillips in a meeting at Eighth Ave. Church, Meridian. The meeting "was fine from the standpoint of attendance, spirit and results". Eighth Ave. has a great opportunity in that part of the city.

There is some light amid the political darkness which encircles us. The only three Southern States which so far have indicated their presidential preferences in the Democratic campaign have certainly given no aid or comfort to the wet aspirants.

Pastor C. C. Jones begins a meeting in his church, Poplar Springs, Meridian, on May 20. Brother Roy R. Brigrance will lead the singing, pastor preaching. This section of the city is growing rapidly. These brethren ask that you remember the meeting in prayer.

Governor Smith of New York has signed a bill passed by the legislature incorporating an "Archbishop", in which Roman Catholic dignitaries are ex-officio trustees, to conduct religious and charitable work. The Baptist of Chicago says it is "a state church".

With practical unanimity the membership of the Monticello Church last week voted to proceed with the erection of a \$25,000 building. This is substantial evidence of awakening and growth in grace, and will mean a great deal in setting forward the work and making a great training center for service.

The church at Macon is enjoying a spiritual refreshing and awakening as result of their meeting in which Pastor R. D. Pearson and the people worked and prayed together, with no outside help. There were thirteen additions to the church, eleven of these by baptism. Things are better in Macon.

Don't you let anybody fool you into believing that the election of a pronounced wet candidate to the presidency of the United States would have no effect on the prohibition law. Manitoba, Alberta, Ontario, New Brunswick, British Columbia and Saskatchewan were once in the prohibition column, but they have been dragged back in to the liquor marshes.

The meeting in Parkway Church, Jackson, in which Pastor Harrington was assisted by Evangelists D. Wade Smith and M. E. (Otis) Perry, resulted in the addition of 74 to the membership and the quickening of interest in every department of the work. Others will join and about \$2,000 was collected during the meeting on the church building fund.

We have glanced daily at the reports of the Conference of social workers (and theorists) found in the Memphis paper. It was a national Conference held in Memphis. About every speech we read seemed to be an attack on orthodox religious belief. If the reports of these discussions are correct these conferences are a very good thing for Christian people to let alone.

Pastor J. A. Barnhill of Calvary Church, Memphis, writes: We have just closed a series of revival services lasting two weeks. Thirty-three were added to the church. There were present the finest spirit and interest we have had at any time. The pastor did the preaching. This made the fourth time to make such an effort.

The work is growing in every way. The meeting closed out three years work here. About 300 members have been added in this time.

Many in Mississippi heard with deep regret the report of the death of Mr. Z. Wardlaw while attending the Confederate Reunion in Little Rock last week. He had been a faithful and helpful member of the Utica Church for many years, was a long time trustee of Mississippi College, and also a member of the Mississippi legislature, representing Hinds County. While over eighty years old he was remarkably active in body and mind.

The effect of religious environment in producing men of genius is illustrated in data recently published by American eugenicists. A Protestant clergyman's son has a one chance in 20 of being listed in "Who's Who." The physician's son has 1 in 105, the farmer's 1 in 680. The skilled laborer's son has a tremendous advantage over the unskilled labor, for his chances are 1 in 1600 while the latter is only 1 in 48,000. The atmosphere which characterizes the home of the Protestant minister of the gospel thus makes for success even in this world.

There was published in The Record of last week the program for the Evangelistic Conference to be held at Clinton June 11-14. You will see that while there are certain prepared speakers, there is large liberty for the brethren to make just such a conference as they themselves

will feel to be most helpful. The Round Table Conferences provide for variety and breadth of subjects and adaptability to the desires of those who attend. We are all on the same plane, and any man may bring up any matter that may be thought helpful to the best preparation for our evangelistic meetings. It is hoped this meeting may be a good spiritual preparation for the summer campaign of revivals and soul saving. Let everybody come, and come praying for the presence, power and direction of the Spirit of God.

A cartoon, like any other illustration is used for purpose of argument, and is legitimate and forceful when it tells the truth, but when it tells what is not so, or only a half truth, it is a dangerous falacy. Mr. Alley of the Commercial Appeal is guilty of just this misuse of a cartoon in a recent issue of the Commercial Appeal. His pictures are often striking and helpful, but this particular one is a misrepresentation. There are two pictures, one representing the regular Democrat who gags at taking a pill of Al. Smith, called "A nominee not exactly according to your liking perhaps". The other picture shows a similar voter, called "disgruntled brother" opening his mouth to swallow a caterpillar, which is supposed to represent the Republican graft, etc. The falacy of the whole thing is simply in the fact that liquor is not an accident with Al. Smith, but his avowed policy, while graft is a disease with the Republican administration, and not its boast.

ANSWERED PRAYER

By L. E. Lightsey

One day in the early part of the year 1884, I was deeply impressed that unless some means was provided for my support I would be compelled to give up my studies and leave college.

At once, I went to the chapel where I found Dr. W. S. Webb, who was then President of Mississippi College, and to him I made known my financial condition. Brother Webb was in deep sympathy with me, and was pained to inform me that no funds were available for my support, but told me to go on with my studies for the present and that probably some way would be provided whereby I might continue in school.

I went to my room with my heart heavily burdened, and tried to get some relief by plunging into my morning lesson, but in vain. So, I went to a plum grove near by, and, linked hand in hand with the Holy Spirit, I went into the presence of my Lord. I fully realized that Jesus was present as promised, "And, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:20). Thus encouraged and strengthened I told the Lord in a very simple way the trouble I was in, and asked Him if it was His will that I remain in school to please open up the way. The answer to my prayer came almost immediately. Just at this time Rev. J. G. Chastain was coming up the walk to the chapel, and God put it into his heart to come to my relief.

I was standing on the porch in front of my room when I saw Bro. Chastain coming my way. I did not then know who he was, but he came up to me and after introducing himself, told me that just fifteen minutes before that time, as he was coming up the walk, he was keenly impressed to come to my assistance. He then asked me to accept an offer of \$10.00, and told me that he would take care of my expenses for the remainder of the year.

My heart was filled to overflowing with gratitude to this good man, whom the Lord had so graciously sent in answer to my prayer. I did not take time to go to the plum grove, but went immediately to my room and poured out my heart in thanks to the gracious Lord for the wonderful way in which He had heard and answered the petition of His humble servant.

Editorial

BROTHER SULLIVAN'S REASONS AND EXPLANATIONS

The article by brother Sullivan published in another part of this week's Record speaks for itself. It was provoked by a recent paragraph of the editor and by Dr. Gunter's financial report. We are glad for the brethren to give their reasons and explanations. That is one thing a Baptist paper is for. Often the editor writes with the desire that what he says may provoke some one else to speak out; always with the desire that others may be set to thinking. No one man, or a few men, can reflect all the thinking of all the Baptists of Mississippi. The Record is a forum for the serious discussion of our problems.

Brother Sullivan's article presents the truth from one angle, but it does not present all the truth. It is not the editor's policy to try to set all the brethren straight. That is an impossible task. But we do desire that all the truth shall be brought out, from all angles. Let the brethren speak their minds.

And now as to the particular matter under discussion: Why do we not make more progress in giving to missions? Perhaps a wrong impression was made by the statement that on a certain day in April the receipts were about half what they were the same time last year. That statement referred only to a part of the month of April, and not to the whole year, nor to a half year. As a matter of fact the receipts for the past year are ahead of the year before, and the receipt for the past six months are considerably ahead of the same period last year. This may take a great deal of wind out of the argument. But there is enough yet to give us serious concern, for in the past five years there has been a gradual decline in the giving to missions, though there has been more money given to local objects.

Privately, Brother Sullivan invited the editor to present the matter from his point of view and we give our answer. Are the pastors responsible for the decline? Nobody would say that the pastor must shoulder the whole responsibility, for each one of us must give account of himself to God. And Baptists do well to put the emphasis on the obligation of every man and woman and child to answer to God for the giving of the gospel to the whole world. But everybody knows that the responsibility for the welfare of all of our work falls first on the pastor. The pastor cannot escape this responsibility if he would, and certainly most of them do not desire to shirk their responsibility. They are God's called, ordained and anointed men for the overseeing and leadership of the people. Many of them are faithful in the discharge of this obligation. But alas, some of them seem to feel no obligation. It is reported that a prominent pastor in Mississippi said he would not worry about mission collections as long as his salary was being paid promptly. There are probably few of this kind, but evidently some of them are not worrying about the mission collections.

Mission collections are not the only obligation on a church or pastor, but it is one obligation. We have as fine a lot of pastors in Mississippi as any state, but the best of them are not satisfied with themselves or their churches.

It is true that in many cases the gifts to missions have been necessarily smaller on account of gifts to local church building. Allowance must be made for this, and blame does not necessarily attach to anybody for the decrease in mission gifts. But surely this ought to be only temporary and a sincere effort should be made to overcome

the shortage by sacrificial gifts for the furtherance of the gospel. We are none of us responsible to the other man in the accounting for our gifts, our responsibility is to God. Let us seek to please and glorify him.

A reason given for the decline in gifts is that some mission money has been unwisely spent. This is doubtless true, for the best of our boards are but human. There would doubtless still be difference of opinion if we go to pointing out specific instances of unwisdom. There are generally differences among individual members of the same board as to the wisdom of particular appropriations, but we have to go by the wisdom of the majority. There is no other way of working together. What one regards as the height of wisdom, another may think the height of folly. Brother Sullivan mentions Ridgcrest and Umatilla. As a matter of fact not one cent of mission money has been spent for Umatilla. And the Home Board can hardly be blamed for a church not paying back a loan. We do not know a bank which makes such exacting demands of a borrower as the Home Board does. We know. And banks regularly have to charge off some things to profit and loss.

As to the criticism that too large a proportion of our money goes to Education rather than evangelism we are practically all agreed. A strong effort is being made to correct it. In Mississippi we were caught in a close place and a temporary increase to education seemed the only thing possible to save us from bankruptcy. And the Convention voted it almost unanimously. That our Christian Education ought to be more Christian is very evident. Let our faculties and trustees and students and patrons and everybody work and pray to make it so. And if strong measures are needed come on with them.

If it is true that we have heard too much about campaigns and programs and too little about specific Christian work, let the pastors, editors, secretaries and especially those in charge of our various institutions tell the world what is going on. The Baptist Record is open to all. And there is no law against a pastor's preaching on missions. We have news from many of our institutions in the Record every week.

As to one-sided publicity; Let the other side come on and come out. Tell all you know—that is true. No one man knows everything. Each can only tell what he knows.

As to the church originating the denominational budget, every church has this right, and may exercise it whenever it chooses. How many of them take the initiative? If the church doesn't do it, isn't it well if somebody will suggest it to the church? That the churches are conscious of their freedom in this matter is shown by the fact that less than half have adopted the apportionments suggested to them. And most of the rest of them have adopted none at all.

HEAD OVER ALL TO THE CHURCHES

The prayer of Paul generally blossoms into a glorious doxology. And that because God is very near to him and Christ is very real to him. Those in his letter to the Ephesians are very striking in this respect. If one wishes to learn to pray he might well join the apostle in these great prayers. In one place he prays for their growth in knowledge in three respects, 1:18-19, that they may know what is the hope of his calling, what the riches of his inheritance in the saints, and what the exceeding greatness of his power as demonstrated in the resurrection and exaltation of Christ. This exaltation as being far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world but also in that which is to come. And he adds that he put all things in subjection under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.

We have written this much to give the setting for the idea here shown of the relation of the church to all things. Jesus is head over all things to the church. This does not mean that the church is head over all things. This is the mistake the Catholics make in substituting the church for Christ. To them there is no access to Christ except in and through the church, and there is no message from Christ except through the church. This is to misinterpret the scripture. The church is the body of Christ, but Christ is the head of the church, and he is head over all things to the church.

And this does not mean that to the church, that is in the mind and estimation of the church he is head over all things. That may be so, but that is not what this passage of scripture means. But it does not mean that in his relationship to the church and for the sake of, for the benefit of the church he is head over all things. He is head over all things, that is, he is in control of all, has in his hands the direction of all. They inhere in him. In him all things consist. All things will come to recognize this and find their legitimate function as his agents. It is the purpose of God to sum up all things in Christ; that is, to recognize the universe, material and spiritual, making it to head up anew in Christ. He is now the rightful head over all and has the control over all. He said "all authority is given unto me in heaven and on earth".

But what we are seeking to make clear here is that this headship over all things is exercised for the benefit of and in behalf of the church. The church is "his body", the fullness of him that filleth all in all. The final consummation of the eternal and gracious purpose of God will be attained through the church. There may be other agencies, natural, governmental and other, but these will have as their purpose the final accomplishment of his purpose through the church. In the third chapter of Ephesians Paul speaks of "God who created all things, to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in the heavenly realms might be made known through the church the manifold wisdom of God".

The only permanent institution in the world is the church of Jesus Christ. Other things are temporary and secondary. If they help the church they may survive; if they hinder it they must go. This is the truth that needs to be written deep in the hearts of all our people. God purchased the church with his own blood. Jesus loved the church and gave himself for it. No other interest or organization must be allowed to dissipate our energies or absorb our interest or activities. To the extent that other organizations require our time or our gifts to that extent are we lacking in loyalty to the church of Jesus Christ. Whatever cannot be made to contribute to the advancement of the church of Christ ought to be abandoned. Jesus is head over all things with a view to making them contribute to the welfare of the church. And we should be unwilling to go tied up with anything which cannot or will not harmonize with the purpose of Christ.

There are many church members whose allegiances to the church is weakened and their service to Christ is hindered by membership in other bodies. And there are preachers whose ministry loses in spiritual power and is lacking in distinctively Christian emphasis because their energies are dissipated through other channels. If the church is worthy of the love and life of Jesus; if it is worthy of his bringing under contribution "all things" to the church, then surely it deserves our individual and loyal support.

IS IT WORTH IT?

In the past few years there has been the greatest expenditure for church buildings we have ever had in the history of our country. There is hardly a city or town in Mississippi that has not had on a building program in the past ten years. The church that has not built a new house or

improved the old one is the exception. It is like a tidal wave which has reached our people and aroused them to unprecedented efforts in building. Denominational boards have developed architectural departments to meet this pressing need.

There is no criticism here intended on this widespread movement, though it is sometimes pointed out as a reason for the churches reducing the amounts they have been giving to missions and other benevolences. We are deeply grateful for the conditions that have made necessary these buildings, and for the Christian generosity which has made them possible. They were demanded by the expanding life and activity of the churches, to meet the need for social life, training work and fine organization of all our forces for service. We are providing for the expression and expansion of the growing life of the churches. For this we can all thank God and take courage.

We do not wish here to inject any unnecessary caution or unjustified fear by asking the question, "Is it worth it?" But we believe it is time seriously to ask whether we are prepared to realize on the capital invested. Are these improved plants an object in themselves, or are they an instrument for attaining a further object? Is the real aim of their construction ahead of us or behind us? What are these buildings for? This question each church will answer for itself.

A few years ago while on a brief tour of Northern and Western Europe, we visited a number of great cathedrals. Indeed they were the principle show places or objects of interest in many cities. A tourist or traveler is supposed to be lacking in appreciation of the finest in art if he doesn't glow with admiration for these great structures. We plead guilty. They were a great disappointment to us, for we had associated buildings of this kind with religion and active Christian work. But the points of interest in these cathedrals is artistic and historic rather than religious. They are frozen dreams. They are petrified emotions. They are the tombs of a religious zeal which died long ago. They represent a sort of devotion that is entirely apart from any present day Christian activity of purpose. They are the sleeping places of departed saints rather than the workshop of present day saints. They were never meant for places in which men should preach or teach or heal. They represent the spent spiritual energies of an age now gone.

And we are wondering if it is possible that our people who are now building bigger and better places for Christian worship and work, are exhausting their spiritual force in the mere task of constructing new buildings. Have they reached the goal of their desire when an adequate church house has been provided? Or have they just now come to the place where they can begin to do the work of Christ better? Again, each church will give its own answer.

How is it in your church? Is the money invested in building bringing dividends of quickened interest in the departments of work? Is there better teaching in the Sunday School? Are the young people more spiritual in their lives, more devoted to the church, more faithful in attendance, more godly in their walk and conversation? Is the teaching and training more intelligent and Biblical? Is the atmosphere of the church more reverent, more vibrant with spiritual energy? Is there more holy joy shining in the faces of those who come? Are more people being saved? Is there more interest in the Word of God and in the work of missions? These are some of the things which could be rightly expected as a result of our investment. If these are present, well. If not, maybe the money could have been better spent in sending a missionary to China or Africa. For a church building ought to help to answer the prayer, "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Cost of Orphanage Repair Work and Equipment As Estimated by I. C. Garber.

School Building	\$ 8,246.00
Carter Hall	11,105.00
Concrete Porch on two sides of Children's Dormitory	1,375.00
Rear Concrete Porch for Boys Dormitory	1,100.00
Heating Plant, including Boilers and Equipment	18,000.00
New Hospital Building	12,825.00

The Hospital Building, it is claimed, will be needed within the near future for isolation purposes also; but the Building will not be erected until the Convention shall have decided upon a permanent location for the Orphanage.

Mr. Garber states that his estimates concerning the Power Plant are based upon the sketch given him by the Supt. of the Orphanage.

Thirty-two were added to the church at Clinton, Ky., in a meeting recently conducted by evangelist J. W. Hickerson.

In a meeting at Immanuel Church, Paducah, our W. W. Kyzar was the preacher. It is said that on the first two days there were 24 additions.

Julius Rosewald gave \$10,000 of \$100,000 recently raised for the Home Mission Society's University for Negroes in Virginia. This is a Baptist school. Hath not a Jew a heart?

Pastor A. C. Baker has welcomed 200 into Parkland Church, Louisville, Ky., in the past seven months. They have three and four hundred at prayer meeting. There is a connection between those two facts.

The Children's Circle of The Baptist Record will be responsible for \$100.00 of the \$50,000 to be raised for the Baptist Orphanage during the month of June. Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hath the Lord perfected praise. And if the rest of us don't get a move on us the scripture will be again fulfilled, "A little child shall lead them."

Recently a number of cotton mills have been moved from New England to Georgia and Alabama. And more and more they are coming South. North and South Carolina have developed a great textile industry in the past few years on account of cheaper power and proximity to the cotton fields. And if the power at Mussel Shoals can ever get past congress and into safe hands the mills will move our way.

The Baptist and Reflector publishes a most interesting account of a meeting for Jews held in First Church, Chattanooga, by Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus and two others. It was evidently a meeting of Holy Ghost power. Many Jews were deeply moved and active work of love was undertaken. We have been all too negligent of our duty to these people from whom came our Savior.

The Western Recorder says that the Sunday Schools willingly pay ninety cents for each annual subscription to Kind Words, while some churches have not opened their eyes to the fact that with ten cents more they could get the state paper, twice the size and representing the whole denominational life. Comment is also made on the complaint that a copy of the state paper is occasionally thrown away while this passes unnoticed in the case of the Sunday School paper, for which the church pays. But we are not complaining. We have never had so many subscriptions coming in, and so few complaints.

Pastor A. T. Cinnamond writes from Kosciusko:

Immediately following our great meeting in which we were assisted by J. W. Mayfield and

Jack Scholfield, as recently reported, the Howard S. Williams party, under the auspices of the Presbyterian church, began a campaign at the court house, continuing twenty-five days. Mr. Williams is a layman, and makes no claim to being a great preacher, but he knows the plan of salvation, through personal experience, and he preaches it with power and effectiveness. His intense earnestness and persistence, are prime factors in his success. His meeting did great good in the community. From these two meetings, I baptized fifty into our fellowship, and twenty six were received by letter and statement, making seventy-six total. Last Sunday we had a great reception service, giving the hand of fellowship to this fine crowd of new members. It was a "high day" with us.

The Bible says, "In the beginning." It is the only book that starts at the starting point. Science does not say anything about "beginning." It knows nothing about beginning. The starting point to them does not exist. It has not been lost; it was never found. And yet common sense recognizes that there must have been a beginning; is satisfied with nothing else. The Bible goes further and says, "In the beginning God." There is something substantial and satisfying about that. It is starting at the right place; starts with what will explain all the rest, the Cause of all causes. The mind is immediately at rest when we start with God. From him and unto him are all things. The Bible goes further yet and says, "In the beginning God created." The people who say the Bible has nothing to say about the method, about how things came to be, are playing fast and loose with the truth. The word "created" has a very definite and well understood meaning. Nobody's mind is confused as to its significance unless some wise acre tries to befuddle him. You may go on with this first sentence in Genesis if you wish and read, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." That means everything from top to bottom and side to side and all in between. And yet here comes a simpleton and says the God of the Old Testament is a local and tribal deity. And they call that Rationalism!

PORT GIBSON

Evangelist Bryan Simmons and Bro. C. J. Rushing conducted a very helpful meeting with us at Port Gibson. There was one by letter and one by baptism to unite with the church. Brother Rushing is a school teacher, but he is one of the most satisfactory singers that I ever had. No one would make a mistake in getting him as a song leader.

—W. H. Thompson.

MISS LACKEY VISITS LOUISIANA CONVENTION

It was indeed a joyous privilege to have with us in our meeting Miss M. M. Lackey, corresponding secretary of Mississippi W. M. U., and especially, to have her in the consecration hour with which our meeting closed, speak to us on what she termed as "one of Paul's finals." Over in the fourth chapter of Philippians, we find Paul saying, "Finally, be strong," "think," "pray." "Pray—we want to talk about that. Are we praying enough? We talk too much about it, and do too little of it. Prayer means power and purpose—it must be persistent. Prayer can be so personal." "Our hearts grow praiseful when we pray." Miss Lackey urged that we pray more. She said she tried to bring us "a little bunch of sweet 'p's," and asked that we would turn our faces homeward with our hearts thrilled with a purpose that would open the way to let our missionaries go back to their fields and help in the on-going of the kingdom.—The Baptist Message.

"REASONS" AND "EXPLANATIONS"

W. A. Sullivan

Dr. R. B. Gunter, in a letter to the pastors of Mississippi Baptists under date April 18, 1928, says: "At this writing, receipts for April are only about half what they were on April on this date a year ago. 'There is a reason.'"

The Baptist Record, page 2, column 2, under date April 19, 1928, says: "There never was so much teaching and training done in the churches as in the past ten years, and still going strong. In this same period contributions to missions have been gradually falling off. Explanations are in order." (Bold mine.)

Now doubtless no two brethren would agree as to just exactly what all the reasons and explanations are. I am perfectly sure all will not agree with me. If any brother disagrees with anything which I may say in this article, I can assure him in advance that I should be glad if he would express his disagreements frankly. Being very conscious of my own fallibility, yet having I think the very best interests of the work of our denomination at heart, I think the following paragraphs may be suggestive of some of the "reasons" and "explanations" as to why "our contributions to missions have been gradually falling off."

1. It may be that some of us pastors are largely responsible. Unquestionably our churches look to us for information and inspiration. They seldom go ahead of our leadership. It is obvious that if a pastor is indifferent to the financial support of Missions and Benevolences, his congregation will be indifferent also. The churches will follow safe, sane, consecrated leadership. All great missionary churches have enthusiastic missionary pastors. So I submit that we pastors ought to look first of all around our own doors and in our own hearts and prayer life for the "reasons" and "explanations" which account for the decline in contributions of the churches to Missions.

2. During the last ten years many of our churches have been investing large sums of money in church buildings. Brother Frank E. Burkhalter has recently pointed out that since 1921 local church properties of Southern Baptists have increased by the enormous sum of Ninety-eight Million, One Hundred Fifty Thousand, Three Hundred Eighty-four Dollars, Forty-two cents. This great increase has been due largely to the fact that the churches have been building houses. By experience I know that it has affected contributions to missions. Yet we have been forced by circumstances to build. Modern Sunday School methods have required educational plants. If Baptist churches reach and hold their constituencies they must provide adequate church buildings and educational plants. Moreover some of us feel that the money which we have made to put into our local church houses is as wisely spent as that invested in some other forms of real estate owned by Southern Baptists. Furthermore some of the brethren who have never had the delightful (?) experience of having to meet regularly and promptly notes falling due on church buildings do not know how to advise the rest of us who have had that experience. We feel also that it is rather more needful that we pay what we owe for our local church equipment than to invest in Ridgcrest, Umatilla, or an unnecessary Education Board at Birmingham, Etc.

3. Some of the money contributed to State and Home Missions during recent years has been unwisely spent. This is not charging anybody with dishonesty. It is a charge of either carelessness or bad judgment. Three or four years ago I was pastor of a church in the Delta which was paying for a church building in the sum of about Sixty-five Thousand Dollars. That church never asked the State Mission Board for a cent. On the otherhand another Delta church about forty miles away, with about the same member-

ship and financial ability, owed several thousand dollars on a church building. That church appealed to the State Mission Board for assistance. I remember at one meeting of the State Board, of which I was at that time a member, we voted to give this church \$3000.00. The reader can imagine for himself how some of the members of the former church felt when they heard about it. Obviously they were not as enthusiastic about State Missions as they were before.

I said that some money contributed to Home Missions has not been wisely spent. The reason why I say so is that about the first of last October the Department of Church Extension had invested in loans to churches the sum of about \$750,000.00. Some of those loans were more than fifteen years old. On about \$500,000.00 no interest even had been paid. One large church in Texas had been owing the Home Board a loan of Fifty Thousand for about five years. On that loan no interest or principal had been paid. For further information please be referred to Dr. A. J. Barton, Wynne-Claughton Building, Atlanta, Georgia. Of course not much is said about these things. Yet the Holy Spirit knows it. These things do not help the morale of the man who is aware of them.

4. Our Denominational programs are not placing the emphasis where Jesus Christ placed it. The first work of the New Testament churches is Evangelization. Yet in Mississippi we Baptists are spending as much to maintain our schools as we are for all the rest of state missions together. I do not know about the other states, but I would hazard the guess that the same condition prevails in the most of them. Such a course is utter folly. In my judgment we are grieving the Holy Spirit. This very thing in my opinion is doing more to cause the decline in contributions to missions than any other one thing. Many of the leading laymen, and some of the preachers, whom I meet have a growing conviction that unless our denominational schools can produce a more distinctive type of education than is being given now they hardly justify the large expenditure which we are required to make to maintain certain academic standards. The time is not far distant when Mississippi Baptist will have to make some radical adjustments in the matter of our schools. We are spending too great a proportion of our contributions to the denominational program for the support of so-called "Christian Education."

5. It may be that we have so presented "campaigns" and "co-operative programs" that we have lost the enthusiasm that comes with emphasis on definite causes by direct appeal. For one I believe in the virtues of our so-called co-operative program. But I find it much easier to interest many people by direct appeal for Foreign Missions, Hospitals, and Orphanages than it is to interest them in "campaign" and "programs". One wonders whether the churches hear as many warm-hearted, soul-stirring sermons in the interest of Foreign Missions as they heard ten years ago. They do hear a great deal about "programs", "debts", and "tithing."

6. The morale of some is hurt by one-sided publicity methods. There are usually four items in the reports given through the denominational press as to the finances of the denomination and the churches: (1) What the denomination owes; (2) The "Quota" of each church; (3) The amount subscribed by each church; and (4) The amount paid by each church. Of course these reports have striking points of comparisons and contrasts. The reader would never understand that these apparent contrasts may be due to heavy indebtedness incurred in building a church house, or by removals, deaths, or business reverses. I know of some who do not feel cheerful about some of our one-sided publicity methods which do not take account of all the circumstances. Consequently they do not contribute as cheerfully as they ought to the Denominational program.

Moreover seldom does the denominational press carry anything in the way of an itemized report as to what objects, the contributions of the churches are appropriated. Of course we have an outline of the percentages which are allocated to Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Hospitals, Education, Etc. But that is very general. Why not after each meeting of the State Mission Board, The Home Mission Board, let the denominational press carry a complete itemized report of the amounts appropriated to each specific object? Such a report would surely be news. It would look like good business. Surely nobody could object to such reports and publicity. Let us have it all. Large individual gifts are usually "designated." One reason I imagine, is that they whose gifts amount to thousands and hundreds of thousands of dollars are men and women of sound business judgment and insist on knowing exactly what specific objects are benefitted by their gifts.

7. Our system of providing the Denominational Budget is wrong. I refer to the system of handing down "Quotas." It has been our custom that the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention for a committee to study the question of a budget for the Denomination and then make recommendation to the Convention as to what the goal shall be. After brief discussion the report of the committee is adopted. The total amount of the budget is apportioned among the states. The state conventions and their boards usually accept the quota assigned by the committee at the Southern Baptist Convention. These state "quotas" are apportioned to the associations. Finally "quotas" are suggested to the local churches. Say what we will it has about the same effect so far as the local church and individual Baptist are concerned as the Methodist system of "assessments." If the pastors and churches do not raise their "Quotas" they lay themselves liable to the charge of non-cooperation. Such a system is, I think, repugnant to about Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Southern Baptists. Moreover in my opinion it is just as unscriptural as infant sprinkling. This "quota" business is left-over World War methods. It is wrong.

Now in conclusion let it be understood that what is said in this article is not meant as a personal criticism of any secretary, editor, or the personnel of any committee. The writer has the utmost confidence in the integrity of his brethren. One tenth of his salary is pledged and paid to the support of his local church and denominational program. He has spoken his mind freely. May God Almighty lead us out of the fog.

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BAPTISTS IN THE WORLD

Toronto Congress Notes—Who Will Be the Next President of the Baptist World Alliance?

Hubmaier—A Bunyan Book
By Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke

The clans are gathering for the World Congress. From far and near come the reports of their mustering. Scouts and advance guards are already moving steadily towards Toronto. The first member of the German delegation is on the ocean and before these words are read will be in the States. From eastern Siberia a messenger has also arrived. China will be strongly in evidence; and more Chinese Christians will be on hand than at any earlier Baptist world gathering. From India the company including Indians, Burmese, and missionaries, will be at least twenty strong. Australia is sending forty, some of whom are already in England en route. A report has just reached me that the Soviet Government is allowing the attendance of delegates, and that these are taking steps to obtain visas for England and Canada. Palestine will answer

among other countries at the roll call, and representatives of South America and South Africa are announced. Toronto will see a world gathering, not merely in name, but in fact.

Great Issues to Be Faced

The programme indicates that the Alliance "means business." We are not to avoid great issues because they are dangerous. Chinese and Japanese problems will be discussed by brethren with yellow skins. On "Racialism" the voice of others than whites is to be heard. It was a disappointment that a distinguished American leader, a Baptist, found himself unable to introduce the subject of Industrialism, but it is on the programme and its difficulties will not be shirked. "Militarism" is to be spoken of not merely by theorists, but by one who has had experience of war. "Baptist life in the world's life" is our comprehensive title; and when we are through, our parochialisms should be blown to shreds.

The Gospel and the Church

Let no one imagine, however, that what is gathering is a concourse to debate politics and sociology. It is precisely because we believe in religion, and in the Baptist presentation, that we face these issues. To us, religion is the supreme, controlling, decisive force; in other words the God and Father of Jesus is Lord of all. We set no bounds to His authority and we would fain learn His will for the entire life of man. Nor shall we for a moment forget (what Baptist could?) the measureless value of the individual soul. We believe in the Gospel and we believe in the Church, hence we are to consider the Great Commission, and also to consider the distinctive character of our Baptist fellowship, including our relations to other Evangelicals and to "Catholicism".

The next president of the World Alliance?

On my recent visit to Canada and the States I found that there was a widespread discussion on the question: "Whom will the Toronto Congress elect to follow Dr. Mullins in the presidency of the Baptist World Alliance?" I venture respectfully to offer an opinion and a counsel to my fellow Baptist.

The opinion I offer is this: that a fraternal organization such as the Baptist World Alliance must avoid even the appearance of a desire on the part of leading groups to monopolise honours. Hitherto England and the United States have furnished all the presidents: should not some other region—Canada, or continental Europe, or the Far East, or the Southern Hemisphere—be now considered? My own judgement is that the next president should be sought in one of these.

The counsel I add is this: that we eschew the public discussion and advocacy of particular names. This might easily cause embarrassment, especially to those whose friends put them forward. Personal and sectional are perfectly natural and right; but if the world point of view and the fraternal character of the Alliance are borne in mind, we may all cherish a quiet confidence that the representative nominating committee will in this matter and all others adopt recommendations that will promote the unity and effectiveness of our denomination in all parts of the world.

Hubmaier Celebration

The Hubmaier celebration in Vienna was very successful, and those who participated expressed warm thanks to Dr. Anderson of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society for suggesting the world wide observance of the four hundredth anniversary of this martyr's death. Dr. Franklin, present on his way to Jerusalem, was an admirable representative of the Northern Convention, and Dr. Whittinghill of the Southern. To Dr. W. O. Lewis is due the credit of excellent arrangement for the gatherings. The reception of a deputation by the President of the

Stewardship Department

By G. C. Hodge, Director of Stewardship and Budget
"Every member of every church contributing every week to every cause, in proportion to his ability"

IT IS TIME TO CHANGE PASTORS (Continued)

I. WHO SAID IT IS TIME TO CHANGE PASTORS?

(We discussed this last week.) We now ask, II. WHY DID YOU SAY "IT IS TIME TO CHANGE PASTORS?"

Did you say it simply because the pastor does not seem to be as popular with the masses as you think he ought to be? In other words, has the attendance upon the services of your church fallen off so that today only a few attend the services, whereas in former years great crowds attended? Have you laid the entire blame for this decline upon the pastor? Did you say "it is time to change pastors" simply because the pastor has lost his grip on the people, and they do not come to hear him preach? If so, let me ask a question or two.

First, If you say the pastor has lost his grip on the people, I'll ask if Christ hasn't lost his grip on them also. If you say weeks and months have gone by and they have not heard the pastor preach a single time, I'll ask whether they are listening to Christ. Have not the same people let weeks and months go by without listening to Christ as he speaks to them through his Word and through his Holy Spirit? Have they during these weeks and months been talking to God? Have they been praying daily? Think well before answering these questions, for I think that Christ lost his grip on your people before your pastor lost his, and that they stopped their ears to the voice of God before turning a deaf ear to the voice of the pastor. Should you go into the matter fully, I suspect you would find that the pastor lost his grip on them because they had become indifferent to Christ; that they lost interest in the church because they had become more interested in the things of this world. If such be the case, then why say it is time to change pastors? "What good would you accomplish by running him off? Wouldn't it be more appropriate to say "it is time to have a genuine revival of the old time religion."

Second, If you say the people do not come to hear the pastor, I would ask what do you think would happen if they should come to hear him? If every member of your church would do his duty, if every one of them would walk and talk with Christ daily, if every one would attend the services of the church and support the work of the church, don't you think you would soon have the most popular pastor in the country?

If your pastor is a God-called man, then it matters not who he is, or how unpopular he is, if every member of your church would attend the services and support the work of the church regularly, the unsaved people would also attend and many of them would believe and be saved.

Austrian Republic symbolized the new liberty enjoyed by "dissenters" in Austria. What mostly impressed me was the capability of the younger continental Baptists who took part—Prof. Westin of Stockholm, Dr. Luckey of Berlin, and Dr. Prochazka of Prague. It was my privilege to preach the sermon, and to deposit a wreath on behalf of the Baptist World Alliance.

Bunyan Tercentenary Year

Dr. W. Y. Fullerton has completed "The Legacy of Bunyan" which he has written at the suggestion of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance. The book will be published within the next few weeks.

If you don't believe it, lead your people to try it. Be careful that you do not persecute your pastor for the sins of others.

2. Was it because your church was not doing anything worth while? (1) Has your pastor a great vision? Has he big ideas and ideals? Has he been trying to lead the church out and into a great, forward, God-honoring program? Has he failed with his plans? Did you decide "it is time to change pastors" because he can't get anywhere with his plans, can't lead the church to do anything worth while? If so let me ask, "Why can't the pastor succeed in carrying out his program"? Be honest now. Isn't it because some leading deacon, officer or member of the church is opposing the pastor and blocking the forward movements of the church? If so, then why take the blame out on the pastors? Wouldn't it be more appropriate to say, "it is time to change deacons," or whoever may be blocking the progress of the church? What would you accomplish by changing pastors? Would not the same one block the progressive program of the next pastor? Take care lest you persecute God's servant for the sins of others.

(2) Hasn't your pastor a vision? Isn't he trying to lead the church out and into a great, forward movement for the glory of God? No? Is that why you say it is time to change pastors? Then, I say, What a pity. We can hardly believe that God would, in answer to the prayers of his saints, send them a pastor to block the God-honoring programs of the church, or to stand in the way of every Kingdom movement. Yet, a layman said to me the other day, "We have in our church one hundred and sixty members who are eager and anxious to go forward, but our pastor hasn't a vision. He will not even attempt to lead us in a program, nor will he let us do anything. He doesn't believe in Missions, nor does he believe in the B. Y. P. U., or the W. M. U. Our church, "he said," would go forward by leaps and bounds if we but had a pastor who would lead us, or even cooperate with us." Again, a layman said to me a few weeks ago, "Our church would support the Cooperative Program, but our pastor is against it. He is also against the Budget System of finance. He told us, in church, that he would have nothing to do with either. We asked him to let us put on a budget in our church. We told him we would do all the work, but he would not even call a conference of the church, or cooperate with us in any way. What are we to do?" Again, a layman said to me not long since, "It is now a reflection on any pastor whose church does not contribute at least something to the Cooperative Program, for when the pastor favors the program, the laymen support it." I ask again, do you say "it is time to change pastors" simply because your pastor is blocking the forward movements of your church? Then, I say, It is time to pray. Pray God to "open his eyes that he may see." Talk with him about the work. Pray with him about it, and if he continues to block the progress of the church in doing the will of God, then it is doubtful whether he is a God-called pastor. It would indicate the fact that he is an hireling and not a true shepherd. In that case I think it is indeed time to change pastors. I do not believe a church should allow any one man to stand in the way of the progress of God's Kingdom, even though he should be a preacher, and yet—Gal. 6:1.

(To be continued.)

Pastor E. L. Davis has resigned at Philadelphia. We do not know his plans for the future.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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Our District Meetings

Our six District Meetings have been arranged, subject however to some slight change in time, and your attention is hereby called to them. Please note especially your own. But if the Meeting in a neighboring District is more convenient for you to attend, it is altogether permissible for you to go there; indeed you are lovingly urged to take in at least one of them. The programs are fine and certainly will prove helpful for you as you return to your association and local society.

Two of the State Workers will doubtless attend each one. We are so pleased to announce that our Mission Study Chairman for the State, Mrs. P. I. Lipsey contemplates attending each one. And she has a message on Mission Study that every woman in the state should hear.

Then our Union Worker is the beloved Mrs. Edith Ayers Allen, who gives her life to Brazil. She and her husband are here on furlough, but both are hungering to return to their Home down in South America. By the way we feel that we have a special claim on her because Mr. Allen is a Mississippian, and a Mississippi College Boy.

Attention Second District!

The meeting of the Second District will be held in Grenada on the 28th and 29th, opening on Monday evening the 28th at eight o'clock.

A large delegation is urged and expected. A warm welcome awaits you by the Grenada W. M. S. Send your name to Mrs. J. B. Perry, President, Grenada, Miss.

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District Meetings.

District Two, Grenada evening of May 28th, day of 29th.

District Three, Booneville, afternoon and evening of May 30th, all day 31st.

District Four, Eupora, evening of May 31, June 1.

District Five, Mt. Olive all day June 5th.

District Six, Gloster, afternoon and evening of June 5th, all day June 6th.

District One, Jackson 1st Church, evening of June 7th, all day June 8th.

As you read this issue of The Baptist Record your delegation from Mississippi will be gathered in Chattanooga attending the Southern Baptist Convention and the W. M. U. Meeting.

An Interesting Letter From Brazil.

Dear Friends at Home:

We have had two weeks of feasting to begin this New Year. On the first day of 1928 the historic First Church of Rio was dedicated—the most magnificent evangelical church in Brazil. Most of you already know how Francis F. Soren was converted and came to the states to study about forty years ago. The only pastors of this church except substitutes to fill in absences, have been Dr. Bagby who founded it and Dr. Soren. Dr. Entzminger taking care of the church until the arrival of Dr. Soren tells this amusing incident when they were expecting the young pastor. As yet he had not married and was coming back

alone! A deacon said that the Bible taught us the duties of the pastor or bishop, that he must "be the husband of one wife," and since Dr. Soren was not, he opposed his call to the pastorate. The old deacon was never convinced that the church did not go contrary to the Bible in calling a single pastor. Later Dr. Soren returned for his Kentucky girl who has blessed his life and the people that became her own.

All these years they have prayed for a decent church building worthy of the beautiful Brazilian capital. God honored their faith and heard their prayers. Mrs. Bottoms added a large sum to the money the board had given in the past, so that we have at least one church where conventions can meet without being ashamed. The "Convenca Baptista Latino-Americana will meet in 1930 at Rio, entertained by First Church.

How many times during dedication week were the names of Dr. Love, Dr. Ray, Mr. Hunt, the architect and Mrs. Bottoms mentioned in gratitude, and prayers offered for Southern Baptists. How it thrills my heart to hear these stalwart Brazilian Christians—sons and daughters of southern Baptists, praying God's blessing on the people that sent them the gospel.

Dr. Julio Cesar Noronha, one of the most influential men in Rio, a teacher in the "Collegio Baptista" gave his time all the year to supervise the erection of this building. He would receive no pay for service that would have brought him several thousand dollars, saying, "If Americans could do so much for my people, I could not do less." He is not a member of any church though a man of noble principles. We are praying that he may go all the way in accepting Christ.

Following dedication week with all its glory, followed the National Convention. Senior Avelino de Souza was elected president, that giant Christian with whom many of the Louisville preachers are already acquainted. It was a lame duck of the street that gave Avelino a New Testament—a one talented man who used that one talent. Out of curiosity Avelino went to a Baptist baptism one day, and was ashamed to be seen near the Baptists. When he went home he picked up that Testament and began to read, his eyes fell on, "For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of Man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's and of the holy angels." There alone in his room, he fell on his knees and gave his heart to Christ.

About the only difference in a National Convention here and S. B. C. is proportion or scale. The same work is carried on by the Brazilians on an humbler basis. There is the Foreign Mission Board with two missionaries in Portugal, the mother country. The Home Mission Board supports three missionaries among the Indians of the interior and is making farther plans to do work among the foreigners that are entering by the ten of thousands. Our Sunday School Board, under the direction of Dr. S. L. Watson is growing wonderfully with its departments of S. S. and B. Y. P. U. work, Vacation Bible School, periodicals, book department and historical and statistical department. Then there is the educational work as well as the church building fund that helps erect churches.

Christmas passed without much notice. The evangelical Christians celebrate Christmas very much as U. S. A. except more modestly. In general it is the custom to exchange gifts at New Year's or the Day of the Kings (6th of Jan, supposed to be the day when the wise men brought gifts). Santa Claus is not very popular among Christians because of their disgust for "SAINTS" of any kind, and the myth an superstition that is so mixed up with Catholicism until nobody can tell where mythology leaves off and religion begins. To Catholics, Christmas is just another one of the many Saint Days.

At our little church, we closed out a Vacation Bible School Friday night before Christmas with a special, appropriate program. Then on Sunday all the children received sacks of "doco" or sweets. Perhaps it was because airplanes are in vogue, but Santa managed to arrive and fill David's stocking that hung on the head of his bed. David was so excited pulling out the toys, honking and tooting all the time. He said excitedly, "Uma porcao de coisas" (A goodly number of things.) What a joy he is to me. Out at the back of where we live are the old royal grounds of the great Peter II, and after dinner we climb to the heights to see the sunset. When he passes the monument of this emperor, he always says, "Pedro segundo."

Thank you for the messages that cheered us during the Christmas season. God's richest blessings be yours during 1928. "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom!"

Yours in His service,
Rosalee Mills Appleby.

State Evangelist Bryan Simmons assisted Pastor E. C. Hendricks in a good meeting at Enterprise. A census showed nine unsaved people in their reach. Eight of them made profession of faith; ten joined the church, six for baptism. The church was greatly helped and The Baptist Record will go into every home.

One of the departments of the Convention Board work which has been most popular and helpful is the teacher training work of the Sunday School Department. The churches have gotten the benefit of this without cost to them, the expense being borne by the Convention Board and the Sunday School Board. We wish merely to raise the question here for the consideration of the churches. Would it not be fair and right for the churches which get the benefit of this work to help pay the expense of it? So far as we know there is no disposition on the part of the Board to change its policy by making demands on the churches for payment. But isn't it right for churches which get the benefit of this work and are plenty able to pay for it, to do so? Churches which have the State Board evangelists to hold meetings for them always make an offering for the expense of the meeting. Why should not the same thing be done by churches which avail themselves of the services of the Sunday School workers? Somebody has to pay for it, why not the churches which get the benefit of it?

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East Mississippi Department

By R. L. Breland

"THE LORD'S MONEY"

When we talk of money we are on a very popular subject and also a very touchy subject from some viewpoints. Perhaps there is more thinking, more talking and more praying about money than any other one subject. The world is largely money crazy. Everybody is trying some scheme to get more money. I never heard of any one who had all the money he wanted. Yes, the money question is a very popular subject, but when we touch on the question of "the Lord's money" it loses much of its popularity. As long as it comes our way the talking glides smoothly along but when it turns towards God and his kingdom work many, yea the majority by far, drop out of the discussion unless it be to say, "now I don't believe in that," or something to that effect. Money is an absolute necessity in every phase of life, so we should not get scared to death when we begin the discussion of the Lord's money.

The question often arises as to how much of the money is the Lord's. Let the Word tell us: "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof," "The silver and gold are mine, saith the Lord of Hosts," "The cattle on a thousand hills are mine," "And ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's." If this leaves anything out that is not His I am not able to discern what it is; therefore, all the money is the Lord's. But He has very graciously permitted his children to make use of such of it as is essential for the actual necessity for the continued well being of our lives, as may be seen in the expression of Christ: "Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's." The government, the home, the poor and needy and various other things of a material nature must be supported in order that society may be maintained, so the Lord has given permission to use

The Orphanage Signal

This Signal is directed to you as a Baptist of Mississippi. A number of people are asking me will the June drive succeed? My only reply is that it will succeed to the extent that each pastor who is the key of the church, each Superintendent, President of W. M. U's and leaders in the young people's work will throw their lives into it.

Wouldn't it be great if every Baptist of the state should give something? If it was only 5 cents. Don't hesitate to give because you can't give a large sum, give what you can, be it ever so small, and have a part in making things comfortable for the children who have not been so fortunate as some of you. Just think what it would mean if every church would give at least \$1.00 per member. Of course some of you can and will give more. Think again what it would mean if each child in the Sunday School would only bring 5 cents.

Now this is not a big problem. Baptist have money and are able to give something. With every Baptist doing his or her part within a few years we will be enabled to look with pride to the greatest Orphanage in the south.

Listen, seventeen applications of children to enter the Home within one day. Isn't it tragic that other denominations are forced to take Baptist children, because Baptists, the strongest religious force in the state are not doing their part? God has protected us and given us a chance. Are we going to fail Him? I am sure we will not.

Don't wait for someone else to ask you to give. Don't ask someone else how much you ought to give. Don't say that certain people didn't call on you and ask you to give through the church, but go ahead and give and then ask others to give. The cry of the Orphans

some of His money for these purposes, and also in legitimate business. All the money in the world is the Lord's, and don't forget that truth.

Since all the money is the Lord's, yet in a very special way the tithe of all the money that comes our way is "the Lord's money." Some who profess to be Christians, and I believe many of them are, do not believe this; but why they do not believe it I am unable to understand, for the Book is very clear on this one subject—as clear, in fact, as it is on baptism, the Lord's supper or any of the great doctrines of the Bible. Listen at these words from the Bible: "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord." The claim that this is not for us because it is found in the Law is begging the question. If a matter is void because it is in the Law as given by Moses, then we have no law for Sunday, no law against kill-

ing, stealing, adultery nor any of the sinful things so common among us today. No, these things were put in the Law because they were Truth before the Law came, were Truth after the law came and are Truth yet; Truth never changes.

Each Superintendent of the Sunday Schools ought to present this opportunity. Every President of the W. M. U's should feel the responsibility and urge her organizations to give. Every President of B. Y. P. U. and Men's Bible Classes should not wait to be asked, but form a committee to raise funds themselves.

This drive does not belong to me or any other individual but belongs to every Baptist in the state, who should be a committee to help raise funds. Are you going to stand true when the time comes? Or will you have to face God and say, I did not give a penny to the Orphanage. I am sure you will do your best.

"General News."

We are still facing the great problem of measles. We have 34 in bed at present, some are quite sick and one case of pneumonia. We need your prayers.

The report from Vicksburg is that our girls in training there are doing nicely.

We are quite busy with our crops these pretty days.

We have had a number of visitors this month, and we are always glad to see them.

Our greatest needs at present are overalls, sun caps and hats for the boys of all ages. dresses for the girls from 6 to 10 years of age. Hats for girls of all ages. This has been a need for several weeks, so hurry and respond and send us what we need, or what you can send us.

We received a large lot of flower plants today from Mr. Link at Longview, Mississippi. Thank you. Who will be the next?

Superintendent B. E. Massey
Miss. Baptist Orphanage.

it is for the Lord's kingdom work only; "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse" saith the Lord of Hosts. When any thing is holy it cannot be used for material purposes; the storehouse of the Lord's is the treasury of the local church today. So, then, all the tithe is to be brought into the church treasury. In fact, we have no authority in God's word, which is our only guide, to give any of the Lord's money through any channel except the

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The Ole Miss. B. S. U. Banquet

On Friday night, April 20th, about seventy-five students passed through a gate, covered with a Dorothy Perkins rose vine, and entered a beautiful rose garden at the Oxford Baptist Church. On each of the long tables, which formed a square, pink tapers in crystal holders shed a rosy glow. Pink roses and ferns in cut glass and silver bowls were arranged at intervals on each table. There were colonial lads and lassies handpainted on the place cards. The nut cups were full-blown roses, and the mints were delicious pink and green rosebuds. The pink and green color scheme was charmingly carried out in every detail. The favors were green umbrellas tied with pink ribbon and filled with colored confetti.

A number of attractive girls wearing pink aprons and pink roses in their hair served the tables. A committee of ladies carefully prepared a delicious and tempting four course dinner. The menu was cleverly printed on the programs in rose garden germs which corresponded to the food.

The program was also carried out in the rose garden idea. The orchestral, vocal and special numbers were most artistically rendered. Mr. Fred H. Terry, the Baptist Student Secretary, was toast master. He introduced the old and the new B. S. U. Councils expressing his appreciation to the old council for its splendid work and presenting to the new Council members their responsibilities in filling their offices in 1928-1929.

Mr. J. O. Snowden, B. S. U. President, delivered a most excellent message. He challenged the new Council to a definite program for the coming year, presenting the six big tasks that face it, namely,

1. The State B. S. U. Convention, which is to be held here next Fall.
2. Enlistment of all Baptist students on the campus in Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work.
3. The need for a B. S. U. headquarters on or near the campus.
4. Student prayer meeting, which are necessary to the accomplishment of spiritual tasks.
5. Evangelistic work to reach the unsaved.
6. To attain the standard of First Magnitude for the Ole Miss. B.S.U.

Dr. Frank M. Purser, our Pastor, who loves the students and is giving himself nobly to them, spoke out of his heart and experience. His theme was "Our Master's Garden", and he especially mentioned the opportunity for growth, emphasizing the eradication of weeds, the taking in of new ground, the worthwhileness of the task, and the pattern, Christ, who is the Rose of Sharon. He charged the new B. S. U. officers with their responsibilities, and told them that they were roses which were being transplanted along the front fence.

The main speaker of the evening was Mr. Frank H. Leavell, a native of Oxford, an alumnus of Ole Miss, and the man entrusted by Southern Baptists with the direction of religious work on the campuses of

Southern colleges. The theme of the honored guest's talk was "Keeping the Garden," which was well developed. Below are some of his epigrams, which are well worth remembering:

1. Christian youth is valuable seed.
2. I believe in this generation enough to give my life to it.
3. This generation has produced some outstanding leaders: Grace Ederle, Bobby Jones, Marion Talley, Charles Lindbergh.
4. They won because they learned to do one thing well.
5. I am looking for a Lindbergh of religion. He may be here in this group tonight.
6. Christ made but one requirement. His condition for eternal greatness was faithfulness.
7. Weeds grow faster than any flower.
8. Self-satisfaction and complacency are demons.
9. Have a standard by which to live.
10. There is noly one safe place to get your standard; that is within your own thinking.
11. The Sermon on the Mount is a safe standard. Build it into your life. It covers absolutely every sin.
12. Have you thought of it? There has not been a new sin in three thousand years.
13. A Master's minority on every campus is the real spiritual power.
14. Stand for something.
15. The kind of church member you are now, you will be twenty years from now.
16. God can not do the task on your campus without you.

On Saturday at noon the new Council met at the Tea-Hound with Mr. Frank Leavell, Mr. Purser and Mr. Terry. After a delightful luncheon, Mr. Leavell gave an instructive and inspiring talk in which he told each new officer his respective duties for the coming year. He told us what other B. S. U.'s had accomplished on other campuses. We obtained many new ideas from him, and next year we are going to try some of them on our campus. Each member of the Council promised to do his work well next year. If we do not forget our promises, the Ole Miss. B. S. U. will gain the Standard of First Magnitude, a goal towards which we are directing every effort.

Margaret McLure,
B. S. U. Reporter,
Oxford, Miss.,

APRIL AND SALLIE JUNE By Margaret Piper Chalmers

One finds in this book a pleasantly written story, to be read straight thro' after one begins. It deals chiefly with the adventures of a young and very fetching teacher in a girls' school—a young woman endowed by Nature with hazel eyes, pink cheeks and abundant golden hair with a permanent wave in it. Men are always asking her to marry them, and this is at times embarrassing. The breezy doings of the flapper school girls are interesting, and natural. But—alas,

that there should be a but—one would much prefer that people and things which have represented Right in one's experience should here be found to stand not only for the wrong, but for the awkward and ridiculous. The principal of the college is a narrow-minded, dictatorial old maid, equipped with methods and manners shallow and antiquated. The professors who are depicted are worthy of respect only by sufferance. The minister and pastor of the story, tho' married, is a pursuer of young girls, and palpably untrue to his marriage vows. The young heroine herself, charming and attractive, and the daughter of a minister, allows profane language to escape her in a stress. This weakening of standards and shattering of ideals surely ought not so to be. The Penn. Publishing Co., Philadelphia, \$2.00.

Crimson Roses, by Grace Livingston Hill. (Lippincott) \$2.00.

This is the story of a present day young girl who is lovely and lowly, charming and conscientious, and has the ability to make a simple, home-made dress have the transforming effect of a French creation. There is also a young man, rich and romantic, who prefers the cheek made rosy by Nature to the product of the vanity box. He falls in love with the heroine, and introduces sentiment into her work-a-day life by means of the frequently repeated gift of great, red, hot-house roses, conveyed to her without name of the donor. This pretty device, however, cannot long be kept secret, and its avowal is soon followed by the union of the lives of the two. This story is interesting, if improbable, and of good moral influence.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS ABOUT THE ORPHANAGE

I notice in The Record the announcement of some plans about the Orphanage, with a request for any suggestions from the brethren. Having had a few years experience with that sort of work, I venture just a few words.

Our present plant will in a very little while be surrounded by the rapidly growing city of Jackson; the lands are very valuable for building purposes; entirely too valuable, it seems to me to retain for the purpose of cultivation. I have been told that the land of the present site can be sold for \$1,000.00 per acre.

It seems the part of wisdom to consider selling our present location, purchasing land, just as valuable for our purposes, a few miles from the city which can be secured at much lower price. The difference in the selling price and the cost of a new location would go far toward providing a modern plant such as will not be built on our present site.

It hardly seems the part of good economy to ask the Baptists of Mississippi to give money for the erection of a new plant on the present grounds. No amount of repair will make the buildings we now own suitable for a modern orphanage. They were good buildings for that

purpose when erected, but the ideas concerning that sort of work have changed radically since they were built.

I would say, make such repairs on the present buildings as will enable them to serve our needs until our property can be sold and another tract of land can be secured within a few miles of Jackson, on this land erect modern buildings fitted to the demands of an institution like ours. I feel sure that the condition of our present buildings is such that a few thousand dollars wisely spent will put them in such repair that they can be used until such a plan is worked out.

This is urged on the ground of economy, there is no economy in farming lands at the price which ours will command. One tenth the amount of the sale value of our property there, will purchase an equal amount of land, just as good for our purposes, a few miles from the city. Now I do not know the price of farm lands in Hinds County, but I feel sure that it is very far below \$1,000.00 per acre.

Such a location with fitting buildings will offer far more suitable surroundings for our children. The writer once had the experience of managing an orphanage located in the suburbs of one of our larger Southern cities and knows that it is far better to have a location away from the city. There are many things which make it difficult to handle a large number of children of widely varying ages surrounded by the conditions of city life.

It may be a bit presumptuous for one who is a comparative stranger in the state to express himself so freely, but having been at one time connected with the working out of a similar problem, I have made bold to offer these brief suggestions.

—E. K. Cox.

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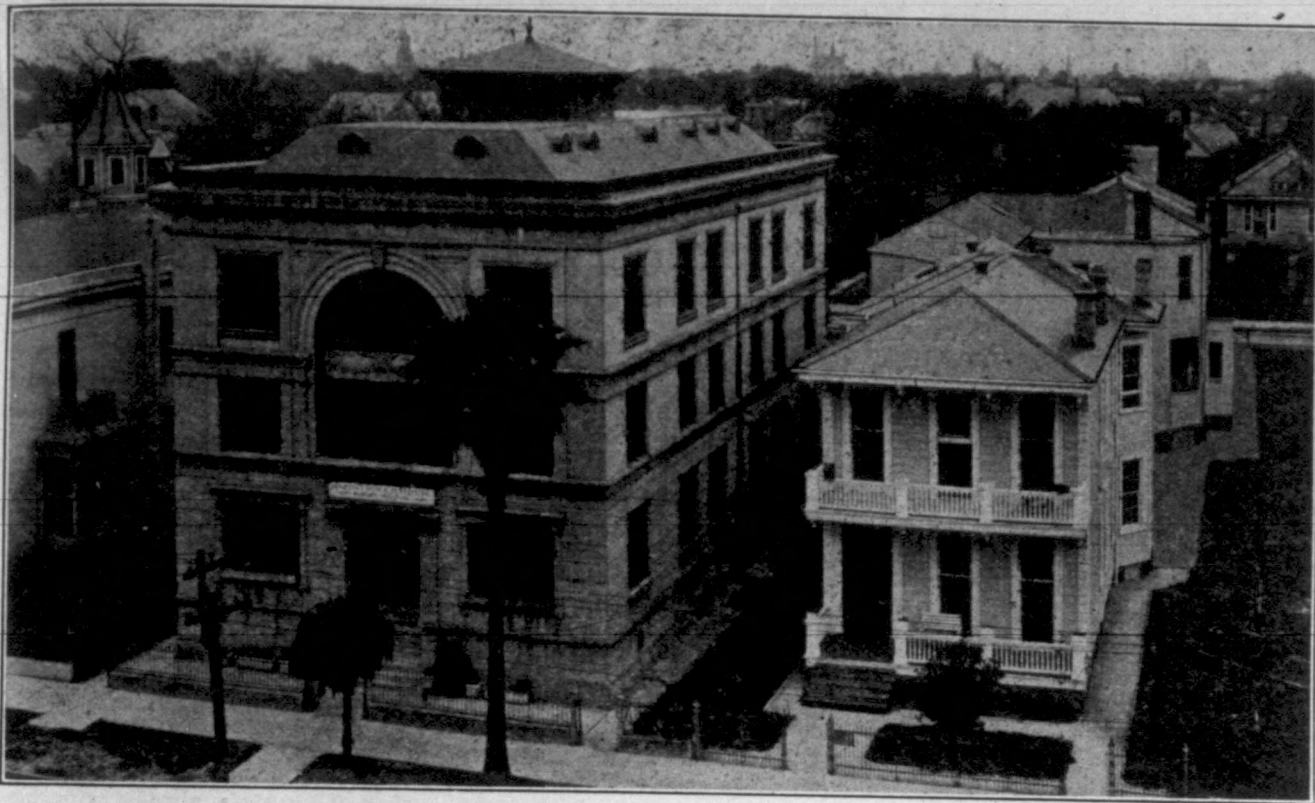
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Mrs. P. I. Lipsey

My dear Children:

We are putting in a lot of letters today, and the first thing you know we are going to be caught up on letters, and you won't have to wait so long to get yours printed.

I am sure you will all be greived to hear of the death last month of one of our loved members, Ira Izard. She was an Honor Member of our Circle. Her father and mother have lost for the present their only child, but it is good to know that there will be a happy meeting after a while.

Here is our verse: Blessed be the Lord, who daily beareth our burden. Ps. 68:19.

With much love,
Mrs. Lipsey.

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Brought forward	\$41.36
Mary Catherine Perkins	.50
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Beulah Mae Sullivan	.10
Preston Deer	.10
Edna Burke	.25
Nelwyn Nesmith	.10

TOTAL \$42.61

ORPHANAGE

Brought forward	\$154.47
Mary Caroline Perkins	.50
Grace Truman Darling	1.00

TOTAL \$155.97

McCool, Miss.,
Apr. 23, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am a little girl 7 years old. I have been going to school. My school closed last week. I will study the third grade next term. I have one little sister, and one little baby brother. I am sending 10 cents for the little orphans. I hope to send more before long. It would please me so much to see my little letter in print, as I want to surprise Daddy.

Your little new friend,
Sara Katherine Lansdale.

Daddy's going to be surprised this week, then, Sara Katherine. Thank you, and come again.

Lena, Miss., Apr. 3, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am a little girl 11 years old. I

am in the sixth grade. I belong to the "Girl Scouts" and G. A's. I have three sisters, and one brother. I go to S. S. every Sunday. My S. S. teacher is Mrs. E. H. Moreland. I like her very much. I enjoy reading The Children's Page, and hope to see my letter in print.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Cook.

You and Eddie Mae and Hazel must get us up a contribution for the B. B. I. girl, Elizabeth, and all write again.

Lucien, Miss., Apr. 25, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am a little country girl 10 years old. I have dark eyes. My hair is also dark, and about 35 inches long. I have 2 sisters and 2 brothers. One sister is married, and has 2 of the sweetest little girls I ever saw. My teacher's name was Miss Myrtis Vaughan. The last day of school we went to the creek and made some pictures and waded in the water. I help my Mother sweep, wash dishes and bring in stove wood. I can embroider very well for my age. My eyes are giving me some trouble now, and as soon as they are well I am going to get a bedspread and work it. Enclosed please find check for \$1.00, 50 cents for the B. B. I. fund and 50 cents for the orphans. With love for you and the orphans.

Bernice Posey.

That is mighty long hair, Bernice. Dr. Lipsey thinks there is some mistake about it, but I don't. It is fine that you can help Mother in all these ways. But go slow on the bed spread, if your eyes are troubling you. Thanks for the money.

Pinola, Miss., Apr. 28, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am a little girl 8 years old. I have light hair and blue eyes. I go to school in Pinola, and study the first reader. I got ten headmarks in school this year. My teacher says I'm smart. Do you think so? I have all kinds of little pets. My pals name is Gladys Allen. She is 7 years old and is in my class. She's awfully smart too. She said if my letter was printed she would write

you sometime. When we get to be big girls and make some money we are going to help the orphans. I must go for this time. All little boys and girls please write to me. Love to all,

Lorena Berry.

One doesn't have to wait to be big to have the pleasure of giving, Lorena. Are you big enough to buy you a coca-cola, or a package of chewing gum? If you are, I think you are big enough not to buy them, and send the money you didn't spend for them for our B. B. I. girl. Ten head-marks in school so far is mighty good.

Aberdeen, Miss, April 29, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I want to join "The Children's Circle", if I may. I go to Sunday School every Sunday, and also attend Circle meetings with my mother. I'm a little girl 4 years old and have a little sister, Joan, 9 months old. When I say my prayer tonight I shall ask God to bless the B. B. I. girl. I am enclosing \$1.00 for her. With much love,

Floy Elizabeth McCutcheon.

I hope every night you will ask God to bless our girl, my Floy. Your dollar is going to help her a whole lot, too.

Derma, Miss., Apr. 27, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am a little girl 11 years of age. I am in the sixth grade. I go to school. I love my teacher. Her name is Miss Clara Mae Green. My Daddy takes The Baptist Record, and I enjoy reading the other children's letters. I am sending 10 cents for the B. B. I. girl. Perhaps I can send more next time. I hope you will print this if you can read it.

Your friend,

Lomie Alice Fleming.

We are glad to have your letter, my dear. Thank you for the money. I'm a good reader of letters.

Monticello, Miss., Apr. 28, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

We are hoping you will let us join your children's page. We read the letters every week and enjoy them so much. Our revival meeting has just closed with 50 new members. Dr. H. L. Martin assisted in our meeting, and was certainly a good preacher. We both joined. We have an uncle in the Bible Institute who will finish there soon. His name is C. W. Wright. We are sending 20 cents for the B. B. I. girl. We

are sisters, 12 and 10 years of age. We live 5 miles from our church, but go to S. S. nearly every Sunday. Bro. W. S. Landrum is our pastor.

Your friends,

Mildred and Catherine Wright.

P. S. We hope to see our letter in the Record. Don't believe there has been any printed from here before.

Yes, I think there has been one. We are glad to have you both, and you are now Honor Members, having sent a contribution. You have a good pastor. I'm so glad you are both Christians.

Vaiden, Miss., Apr. 25, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

We are so glad that you have a "Children's Circle". We like to read that so many little children are helping the orphan children. We have 4 more weeks of school this session. We are looking forward to a pleasant vacation. We are studying hard so we can make good grades on examination. We hope to see this letter in print. Best wishes to all.

S. E. Club.

Dott Vaiden, Mary Q. Fulliland and Sara L. McPherson.

P. S. We are sending 25 cents to the Orphanage or B. B. I. girl out of our treasury.

I think that must be a good Club, girls, that has money in its treasury to give, and I'm taking this for the B. B. I. girl. How would you like for me to give you a motto for the Club?

Dennis, Miss., Apr. 10, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am a little boy 11 years old, and in the fifth grade. I like to go to school. I sure do enjoy reading the Circle. I have two brothers and two sisters. I go to S. S. nearly every Sunday, and go to church. Our Pastor is Bro. Hamilton, and we all like him. I am so glad you gave us a Children's Page. A new member,

John Jr. Caveness.

P. S. I am enclosing 25c for the B. B. I. girl, or orphans.

Thank you for the money, John, Jr. I suspect I know your pastor.

Smithdale, Miss., Apr. 7, 1928

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I have been thinking for a long time that I would write to you. I have been going to school this winter. Am 5 years old. Have finished the first grade. Our school will close in another week. We are planning for a concert. I will be "Little Red Riding Hood" in a play. I love to play dolls. I have 5 dolls. We live in a two story house, and my play-house is upstairs, so you see I have a nice place to play. I only have one brother, but we have a good time together. We belong to the Sunbeam Band, also go to S. S. every Sunday. Hoping to see this in print,

Your friend,

Mary Earl Marsalis.

Brother has been telling me about you, Mary. You do have a nice place to play, sure enough. What are the names of your dolls?

Belmont, Miss., Apr. 10, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I sure am glad that you have printed a Children's Circle in The Baptist Record. My Father is a Baptist preacher. I go to church and to S. S. most every Sunday. My teacher's name is Mrs. Charley George. I am 12 years old and in the 6th grade, and I live about 5 miles from town. I sure am glad you have got up some money for the B. B. I. girl. I want to surprise Mamma and Daddy. A member,

Eula Hamilton.

This is a nice time, Eula, to live in the country, and see so many things growing. You must write again, and as you are a member now, I shall be glad next time for you to become an Honor Member. Do you know how to do that?

Sunday School Department

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

May 20, 1928.

JESUS TEACHING IN THE TEMPLE.

Mark 12:13-44.

(From Points for Emphasis by H. C. Moore.)

Golden Text—He taught them as one having authority. Matt. 7:29.

1. THE GOOD CITIZEN emerges from the discussion of the poll tax due to Caesar, the Roman ruler of the Hebrew world. (1) The questioners were two conflicting parties: the Pharisees who chafed under the Roman yoke, and the Herodians who were truculent partisans of Rome—bad citizens, all of them. Their evident purpose was entangle him so as to get a charge sufficient to place him in the hands of the Roman authorities. (2) The question breathed a wrong civic spirit. It opened with words designed as the baldest of flattery, rang with a condescending tone, and sought triumphantly to place Jesus in a political dilemma. He saw and scored their hypocrisy. But he did more. (3) The answer was a two-edged sword, one edge cleaving in twain the net that was spread, and the other cleaving open a knotty public problem. First, he made his inquisitors bring a Roman coin and confess that their currency bore the stamp of Caesar. Having thus bared the vulnerable point, he thrust in the blade of truth, Pharisees and Herodians alike wincing under it. That is, be a good citizen of your government, and be a good citizen of the kingdom of heaven. We ought to be loyal to both the commonwealth and the Kingdom. No bad citizen is a good Christian, and no good Christian is a bad citizen. (4) The victory of Jesus was complete. His amazed adversaries slunk away. And no wonder!

2. THE GOOD CHRISTIAN emerges from the discussion of the great commandment in the Law of Moses. (1) The inquirer was well versed in both civil and theological law. He seems personally to have been sincere, for he observed that Jesus had answered former questions wisely and was commended by Jesus in this conversation. But his question was calculated to arouse antagonism against Jesus, particularly if he should set aside the oral law and thus invite rupture with the masses, or if he should magnify certain favorite commands and omit others equally as important. Instead of splitting ethical hairs and differentiating divine commands, Jesus based every duty upon love. (2) The first great commandment requires supreme love to God. It is a love from the whole heart, gathering into one all the strands of affection. It is a love dominating the entire soul as the seat of the will. It is a love absorbing the whole mind, bringing the rays of intelli-

gence to a focus in burning love. And it is a love twining together every strand of our strength for the expression of that love in every way possible. (3) the second great commandment is built on the same basis. The love which reaches upward to God is sure to reach outward to man. And as love to God summarizes the First Table of the Law (four commandments), so love to man summarizes the Second Table of the Law (six commandments). Is there any other commandment greater than these? Jesus says there is not. And our own hearts tell us that he is right. Indeed, his inquirer that day commended his answer declaring that love is above whole burnt offerings and sacrifices. So discreet a command met instant approval from Jesus who averred that the scribe was not far from the kingdom of God.

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church treasury. Offerings for other things are above the tithe and may be given through other sources, perhaps, but it is usually best to make our other gifts, all of them, through the channel of the church treasury.

What are you, what am I doing with the "Lord's money?" If we ever get any money at all it is the Lord's, the tithe MUST go into the church treasury and the remainder must be used in legitimate channels. Perhaps we had better think more about "the Lord's money" and how to use it properly, or we may be "cursed with a curse."

Notes and Comments

Many of the Baptist leaders of the South and of the world are in Chattanooga this week attending the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. It will be lonely and sad without our great Dr. J. F. Love who has joined the father's over there.

The pastor of Coffeeville Baptist Church recently taught a class of more than 25 of the Seniors of the B. Y. P. U. using the book, "Training in Church Membership." It is a fine book and he had a fine class. Bro. Wilds is to be with us a few days in June.

We are glad to note that Dr. L. B. Golden, who has recently finished at the Southern Baptist Seminary, located in this part of the state. He is at Shelby as pastor.

Our church at Coffeeville is looking forward with considerable interest to the coming of Evangelist Bryan Simmons and singer to hold our revival meeting beginning about June 27 and continue for twelve days. This same company will hold a twelve days tent meeting at Leggo in the northwestern part of Yalo-

busha County beginning about the 18 of July. Pray for the meetings.

I notice in the Neshoba County paper that Rev. E. L. Davis has resigned the pastorate at Philadelphia. It was not stated where he was going, but stated that two very attractive offers had been made him and he would soon decide which he would accept. His resignation took effect at once.

Rev. S. J. Rhodes seems to be doing a good work in Neshoba County as pastor of a group of country churches. He is giving half time to Coldwater and to Hope one-fourth time. He gives them much time visiting and teaching study course classes. That is the only way to build up our country constituency, for the pastors to give them their time. No other business under heaven would have survived the treatment accorded the rural churches, and they have survived but poorly. The pastors are to blame for the condition of the country churches—and I am one of them, therefore I know whereof I speak.

Some one has said that the rural churches will not pay a living wage to their pastors. That is true, but

the pastors will not give them a living service. Most of us get more than we are worth to them considering the little time and service we give them. It is my candid opinion that if we pastors would give the rural churches full time and service they would give us full pay. We usually get as much, and many times more, than we give them. Try out giving them a full service for awhile, having faith enough in God to believe that He will see to it that you have a support, and see if you will not get a living and be surprised at what country Baptists will do when they have a pastor. Not many of them have ever had pastors, just one a month preaching. No wonder they are dying out. The greatest wonder is that they did not die years ago; being a divine institution is all that saved them.

Joe—My wife never asks me where I go.

Lee—You don't say so!

Joe—Yes; she's always with me to see for herself!

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Leake County Associational Meeting

On the Fifth Sunday of April the Baptists of Leake county met at Mount Zion church for their regular quarterly meeting. Mr. Talbert represented the BYPU department at this meeting and the entire afternoon was given to him for the B. Y. P. U. conference. Mr. Talbert after driving all over the south east section of Leake County finally reached the church in time to eat everything that was left which relieved the housewives from having to carry it home with them, he says he even went to Walnut Grove, but failed to see any walnuts until he got to that dinner table and got some walnut cake. Well he found some folks who were interested in the Lord's work and as a result of the conference the Leake county associational BYPU was organized as well as was the local BYPU at Mt. Zion. Mr. T. J. Barnett of Carthage was elected president of the Associational BYPU and Miss Zadeen Walton of Walnut Grove was elected secretary, Mr. Burkett Wright was elected president of the Mt. Zion BYPU. Mr. Talbert reports a splendid day and we are glad to have Leake to join hands with the other progressive counties in their B. Y. P. U. work.

Picayune Senior BYPU Members Receive Bible Readers Certificates.

A splendid list of Bible readers has come in from the Senior BYPU at Picayune and we are delighted to see this fine interest manifested in this all important phase of BYPU work. Mr. J. R. Stuart, Miss Mary Lou Stuart and Miss Stella Mae Smith have completed their FOUR years readings. They received two years ago the certificate and now are receiving the seal for the second two years. Elsie Stuart, Eloise Martin, Mae Davis, Beatrice Stewart, Edna Earl Mitchell and Mildred Maghee are receiving the certificate for two years reading and we look forward to sending them the seal for the second two years two years hence.

Calhoun City Intermediates and Juniors Receive Awards For Daily Bible Readings.

Mrs. W. G. Baldwin reporting for the Calhoun City Intermediate and Junior BYPU gives the names of NINE members who have completed one and two years of Daily Bible Readings. This is a splendid showing in the work and we congratulate these Juniors and Intermediates on having been true to this phase of their BYPU work. Those Intermediates completing the two years readings are, Mary Nell Webb, Mary Ethel Sugg, Paul Baldwin, Kyle Brown, Myrtis Alexander, and Mrs.

W. G. Baldwin. These received their certificate a year ago and are receiving a seal this time. Ruby Moore is receiving the certificate for one years reading. And here are three Junior boys who have kept up their readings for one year and are receiving the Junior Bible Readers Certificate, Warren Earl Ferguson and Waran Ferguson. We are always glad to receive such reports as these. Let all Bible Readers Leaders check up on the union and report the names of all who are entitled to these Bible Readers awards.

One encouraging thing we notice is the work of our corresponding secretaries over the state. We are hearing from more now than perhaps at any other time during the history of the BYPU work, they are on the job and when all officers and committees get busy on their job, things will move forward, PROGRESS is the way to spell it.

B. Y. P. U.'s of Hinds and Warren to Join Hands

Plans were formulated and adopted by the executive committee of the city B. Y. P. U. meeting last night to foster an Associational B. Y. P. U. to be composed of the unions of Hinds and Warren counties, with the new association's first meeting at the Calvary Baptist church at 2:30 in the afternoon of May the 27th.

Rev. R. B. Patterson was unanimously selected as the man to sound the keynote of the association and act as temporary chairman. Universally a popular man with the young people he is at this time pastor of the Jackson City B. Y. P. U.

Perhaps the two people of all others in Jackson who are most interested in the movement are Mrs. D. A. McCall, wife of Rev. D. A. McCall of the Griffith Memorial church and A. W. Talbert of the Davis Memorial church who is an active leader and officer in State B. Y. P. U. conventions and associations.

These plans adopted by the executive committee will necessarily have to be passed at the regular meeting of the City Union before they can become effective as a movement put on by the B. Y. P. U.'s of Jackson.

Bro. Patterson, through the committee assigned to him, will get in touch with all the churches in the two counties and urge them to cooperate with the movement to their fullest extent.

This need for an Associational B. Y. P. U. has been seen by the leaders of young people's work in the churches of Jackson and vicinity for some time. Through this

association a better spirit of cooperation will develop and different unions will have an opportunity to see and hear how others are getting along with their work.

Tuscola

On Sunday afternoon of May 6, the young people of this community met under the direction of Rev. C. T. Johnson and reorganized a B. Y. P. U. The officers were chosen, as follows:

Vice-President—Spurgeon Young.
Secretary—Myra Denson.
Cor. Secretary—Myrna Denson.
Treasurer—Naomi Rives.
Chorister—Joe Denson.
Pianist—Myra Denson.
Quiz Leader—Mrs. H. H. Brooks.
Group Capt. No. 1—Maggie Brown.
Group Capt. No. 2—Bilbo Young.
Group Capt. No. 3—Lester Russell.

Group Capt. No. 4—Frank Young.
We have sufficient material for an A-1 B. Y. P. U., and every effort is being put forth to make it. We are going to work with one special aim in view, viz: to comply with the Master's demand when he said, "Son, go to work in my vineyard today". By doing so, we will enjoy one of the greatest privileges that life affords.

—Myrna Denson, Cor. Sec.

Leake County Organizes County B. Y. P. U.

Our Fifth Sunday meeting, which held its session with the Mount Zion Church, was noted for its many outstanding and mountain peak features; but the one we wish to mention is, the organization of an Associational B. Y. P. U. Mr. Talbert of the state force of B. Y. P. U. workers, was with us, and led us in this organization.

Our officers are: Mr. T. J. Barnett of Carthage, President; Vice-President Mr. R. B. Stovall of Lena; Secretary-Treasurer, Zadeen Walton of Walnut Grove; District Leaders (Group Captains), No. 1, Mr. William Hamil of Carthage; No. 2, Mrs. Lena Brookes of Tuscola; No. 3, Mr. Cecil Chadwick of Walnut Grove; No. 4, Mr. Williams of Thomastown; Chorister, Mr. L. A. McKee of Walnut Grove; and Miss Omega Nutt of Lena, Pianist.

Our first County-wide meeting will be held the Fifth Sunday in July.

We are planning to make our organization a real asset to the B. Y. P. U. forces of the state. We want to take this opportunity to thank our State Board for making it possible for us to have Mr. Talbert with us.

—Zadeen Walton, Secretary.

In the Right Direction

The B. Y. P. U.'s of Rowland Baptist Church, Pearl River County Association, at a business meeting held May 6, 1928, passed a resolution to the effect that we do now promise to abstain from mixed bathing, not only abstain from it ourselves, but use our influence to discourage the practice of mixed bathing among our friends.

B. Y. P. U.'s of our good State, will you not give the above resolution due consideration, and then join these young people in setting up a standard for the youth of our State? Do you not think this one step forward in the right direction?

—J. H. Cothorn (Pastor).

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O. Olin Green, A.B., Th.M.
Hazlehurst, Miss.

"He who would bring spiritual health to other souls must ever be gathering for his own soul's culture treasures of wisdom and character."

Some problems of Modern Minister, by Austin Kennedy DeBois, Ph. D., D. D., LL. D., Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, Price, net, \$1.75.

No minister, young or old, can afford to be without this book. The reading of this volume has made me feel that I would like to begin my ministerial life over again. The author speaks out of a rich pastoral experience. His thorough-going discussion of the problems of the modern minister is refreshing and inspiring. There is no side stepping of issues. Problems are faced squarely and their solutions are given in a very forceful and sympathetic manner. The author's own courage, tact, persistency, industry, and unbounded faith in God are manifest throughout the work without any effort on his part to make manifest these elements in a long and successful ministry. Dr. DeBois is a man of rare attainments and culture and his book will be valued by all who read it.

Christ at the round table, by E. Stanley Jones, author of "The Christ of the Indian Road".—The Agington Press, New York and Cincinnati, \$1.50.

The author has given us another good book, a veritable store house for the minister and other religious workers. He says of the Round Tables: The purpose was to face the question of how religion was working, what it was doing for us, and how we could find deeper reality". Some may question the wisdom of bringing together representatives of various religions for an exchange of views, but listen to what this writer says: "There was not a single situation that I can remember where before the close of the Round Table Conference Christ was not in moral and spiritual command of the situation." The author is not only a great missionary possessing an unusual insight, but he is also a remarkably interesting writer. The many concrete examples of the triumph of the gospel of Christ in the lives of men and women in foreign countries and of the sacrifices made on the part of Christians for the sake of others constitute one of the many attractions of this delightful book.

Holy Communion Cyclopedic by G. B. E. Hallock, Doubleday, Doran and Company. \$2.50.

The importance of a proper observance of the Lord's Supper is increasing among all the denominations. Baptists need to give a little more consideration as to the deep significance of this ordinance. Because of our aversion for the strict-

ly ceremonial we may fail to recognize the deeper spiritual meaning of the two New Testament ordinances. This collection of addresses, prayers, meditations and sermons on suggestive themes will doubtless prove helpful to many pastors.

Our Lord and Ours, by P. E. Burroughs, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee. Cloth 60 cents.

Notice has already been given in the Record of this excellent book on Stewardship, by P. E. Burroughs. Everything Dr. Burroughs writes is sane, practical and scriptural. The book consists of twelve chapters of appropriate length and is designed as a text book on Stewardship. It belongs to the study course in Church Administration and will greatly help pastors and deacons to solve the financial problems of the Church.

Bible Lamplighters, by Edward Shillito. Fleming H. Revell company, New York, Price \$1.50.

The author has the knack of making Bible stories interesting to girls and boys and always gives a missionary turn to the story. His skill in this respect is unusual. Teachers and all workers with children will find this book a valuable aid in enlisting and holding attention.

Book Notes

American Presidents: Their Individualities and Contributions to American Progress, by Thomas Francis Moran, Ph. D., Professor of History and Economics in Purdue University, New York. Thomas Y. Crowell Company. 8 volumes, 330 pages, \$2.00 net.

This attractive volume will be greatly admired and enjoyed by students of American History. The author has given interesting character sketches of the presidents and an estimate of their importance of their influence upon American life and progress. Of course, the sketches are brief in some instances, but the writer knows how to get at the heart of things and to give to his readers the essential facts. Two interesting chapters are added on "Why Great Men Are Not Chosen Presidents" and "The Ethics Of The Presidential Campaign". It is a valuable addition to any library.

Our Bible, by William Halloway Main. The Judson Press, Philadelphia. \$1.00

The revised and enlarged edition of this important will be gladly received by all lovers of the Bible. The Bible is not only the most interesting book in the world, but it also has the most interesting history. The author has made use of the most recent findings of scholars as to manuscripts, translations, tablets, etc., and tell the story of our Bible in a most charming manner. We commend the book most heartily.

Making the Bible Desired, by Dorothy Dickenson Barbour. Introduction by Luther Allen Weigle. Doubleday Doran and Company, New York. \$1.50

The author has evidently found the secret of inlisting the interest of the children and young people in God's word. The author's method is pedagogically and thoroughly

practical. Many concrete examples are given as to how interest in Bible study has been awakened. The stories themselves form an interesting feature of the work. The book will prove to be a blessing to those who teach children.

The Dreams Of Youth, by Walter Ames Morgan. New York: The Century Company. Price \$2.00.

The author is the pastor of the New First Congregational Church of Chicago and has used these stories in preaching to the children of his congregation. He takes no text and applies no moral, but leaves the child to draw his own conclusions. He tells the story in such a way that this can be easily done. They are good stories; whatever use may be made of them can be determined by the minister, teacher, or parent who uses them.

Pupil Life by L. P. Leavell, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. Cloth, 75c, paper, 50 cents.

This book has been published for some years but only recently adopted by the Sunday School Board in the regular teacher training course. It is without question one of the very best works published on the study of child life. While it deals with what is considered one of the most difficult subjects, Psychology, the author makes his discussion so clear and free from technical terms that the average teacher can grasp the subject readily. The study of this book will increase the efficiency of any teacher, especially the teacher of children.

The Preacher from the Layman's Viewpoint by J. T. Henderson, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

This booklet of sixty pages consists of the second series of lectures on the Tharp Foundation and were delivered by Mr. Henderson during January of this year, the first series having been delivered by Mr. James H. Tharp who founded the lectureship by a gift of seven thousand dollars.

No layman in the Southern Baptist Convention is better qualified to speak on this important theme than Dr. J. T. Henderson. There are three lectures: 1. Getting Ready. 2. In the Pulpit. 3. Outside. There is a directness, a pungency, a spiritual grasp, a sympathetic appeal which are calculated to inspire young ministers to do their very best for Christ and the work of the kingdom.

Newton County B. Y. P. U. Association.

The Fourth Annual Session of the Associational B. Y. P. U. of Newton County met April 29, 1928 at the Decatur Baptist Church with the President, Mr. T. J. Farr, in charge. Mr. Bassett, of Clarke College, led the singing.

The session was opened by the congregation singing, "Trying To Walk In The Steps Of The Savior." Devotional—H. D. Jordan, Newton, Miss.

Prayer—Rev. G. O. Parker, Union, Miss.

Special Music—McMillan Orchestra.

Welcome Address—M. B. Potter,

Decatur, Miss.

Response—W. N. McLemore, Union, Miss.

Special Music—Clarke College Quartette.

How To Reach And Maintain The Standard Of Excellence For A Senior B. Y. P. U., Harry Parkes, Union Miss.

Duet—Misses Burkes and Nyal, Clarke College.

How to make the Junior B. Y. P. U. go—Mrs. Gibson, Hickory, Miss.

Special Music—McMillan Orchestra.

How to Make the Intermediate B. Y. P. U. Go—E. C. Cooper, Union, Miss.

Special Music—Decatur Quartette.

The President appointed the following committees:

Resolutions.

Mrs. McMillan, Hickory, Miss.

Mr. W. N. McLemore, Union, Miss.

Mr. J. B. Cox, Newton, Miss.

Nominating.

Mrs. Gibson, Hickory, Miss.

Rev. G. O. Parker, Union, Miss.

Mr. J. M. Scarborough, Decatur, Miss.

Address—Mr. Gartin, Meridian, Miss.

Song.

The afternoon session was opened by the singing of "At Calvary" by the congregation.

Special Music—Clarke College Quartette.

Benefits of A B. Y. P. U. In Rural Churches—Mrs. J. M. Wells, Center Ridge, Miss.

Special Music—McMillan Quartette.

How To Create Interest In Daily Bible Readings—Miss Mae Henry Ward, Newton, Miss.

Duet—Misses Burkes and Nyal, Clarke College.

Reports of Unions in the County.

Round Table Discussion—Mr. Gartin, Meridian.

Reports of committees:

Your committee on resolutions having been stirred in our hearts by the messages in music, song and words, and brought to more thoroughly appreciate our work by our Baptist young people commend this Convention for the delights of session and recommend, (1) We extend our thanks to Decatur Church and community, (2) Our love and loyalty to the offices of this Convention, (3) Our service to our Lord and Master as hours and days unfold opportunities to us for service.

Mrs. McMillan,
J. R. Cox,
W. N. McLemore,
Committee.

Nominating.

President—T. J. Farr, Newton, Miss.

General Vice-president—J. N. McCormick, Hickory, Miss.

First Vice-president—E. C. Cooper, Union, Miss.

Second Vice-pres.—Mrs. Thomas Wilson, Newton, Miss.

Third Vice-pres.—Mrs. Annie Gilbert, Chunky, Miss.

Secretary—Miss Dora Belle Giles, Decatur, Miss.

First District composed of Union, Rock Branch, Decatur and Stratton.

Second District composed of Newton, Liberty, Mt. Vernon, Bethel and Lawrence.

Third District composed of Hickory, Chunky, Good Hope, Mt. Pleasant, Center Ridge and Oakland.

Each Vice-president presiding over his respective district.

Junior-Intermediate Leader—Mrs. McNair, Decatur, Miss.

Place of meeting, Center Ridge.

M. J. Scarborough,
Mrs. Gibson,
G. O. Parker,

Committee.

After singing "Take The Name Of Jesus With You", the Convention was closed with prayer by Brother Green, of Newton.

Each union in the county was well represented and the Decatur people entertained us royally. The bountiful lunch at the noon hour was especially appreciated.

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Where Do We Live?

The living quarters are in the Headquarters Building, the dining room, the recreation building, and the bungalows, which will be occupied by the Swannonoa Camp for Girls from June 30th to August 25th.

What Do We Bring?

Sheets, blankets, pillowcase, tow-

els, toothbrush, heavy shoes, tennis shoes, Bible, baseball, glove and bat, tennis racket, fountain pen, Boy Scout knife.

What Do We Pay?

\$2.00 for enrollment fee, which admits to all classes and activities, and \$16.00 for all other expenses. Only a limited number can be cared for and reservations will be made in the order in which they are received.

When Do We Start?

If coming by train, you must start on June 14th to get advantage of the one-way fare for the round-trip. You can also come by auto, or by bus, or flying machine and arrive on June 15th, opening day. Write for reservation blank today, and spend a period of recreation with happy, wholesome boys, with the best of counsellors and guides. Don't delay writing.

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The Scott County Baptist Sunday School Convention.

The Scott County Baptist Sunday School Convention held its regular annual meeting at Oak Grove church Sunday, April 29.

It was one of the best conventions ever held. A splendid program was rendered, and the attendance was good.

Bro. J. E. Byrd, State Sunday School Secretary, spoke at the morning service.

He brought an inspiring and instructive message on the "Enlargement of the Sunday School" in his usual forceful manner.

In the afternoon Rev. G. S. Jenkins conducted the devotional worship, reading from Rom. 10:8-12.

The general theme of the afternoon program was the building of the Standard Sunday School.

The Standard of Excellence was ably discussed by Rev. W. L. Meadows, of Morton. He discussed the Standard of the individual Sunday School, and also the Associational Standard, pointing out that both of them can be attained by Scott County Schools.

My task as Pastor in building the

Sunday School was presented by Rev. C. J. Olander, of Harperville. My part as Superintendent was discussed by Mr. R. L. Goodwin, Supt. of the Forest School. The pupils task was related by Mr. Jeff. Kent, and the song leader's part by Prof. Neal Putnam.

Hon. J. Knox Huff told of the Teachers' part in building the Sunday School.

The Department Superintendent's work was explained in a fine way by Mrs. W. D. Cook.

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"Sunlight or Candlelight"

As special feature of B. Y. P. U. Assembly Sunday night, May 6th, there was presented a missionary playlet, "Sunlight or Candlelight", the scene being laid in Japan. The leading characters were Hoshi San, Japanese villager—Argel Ladner. Mura, his wife—Elizabeth Gibson. Mita San, Japanese student just returned from America. Mrs. Richard Grath, wife of American consul—Hazel Barnard. Evelyn Tower, her niece—Eileen Burris.

The play was most impressive and was witnessed by a large and attentive audience.

Sunday School Classes Elect Officers

As the school year is drawing to a close the different Sunday School classes are electing officers for the new year. The "Gleaners", S. T. C. girls class of Fifth Avenue Church, have elected Azoline Wells, of Waynesboro, president. The Excelsior class of First Baptist Church has chosen Alma Lee Denman, of Mt. Olive, as president. Horace Powell, of Fulton, has been elected president of the Young Men's Class of Fifth Avenue Church.

Prayer Meetings.

Interest in the noon day prayer meeting has been growing steadily for the past two weeks. From twenty-five to thirty are attending every day and the interest is better than at any time thus far. Students are leading the meetings and each week a different line of thought is presented.

Edna Lee Triplett, Reporter.

M. S. C. W. NOTES

Sunday afternoon, Miss Ward, Bertha McKay and Cecil Hamilton left for Chatanooga where they went to attend the Southern Baptist Convention. They made the trip through the country. They will return Saturday.

The Installation Service of the new B. S. U. Council members was held at the Workshop last Tuesday night. Practically all the new members were present.

The Life Service Band has already shown enthusiasm for its future work. The meeting last Sunday was spent in planning programs for the first three months of next year. It is such interest as is exemplified by this band of workers that really accomplishes things. It is proof, too, that all activities are not retarded at the close of a session.

Miss Ward chose Egypt as her place of convalescing from her recent attack of "flu." Before returning to Columbus, she visited Mrs. Oscar Blount at Okolona.

Marie Smith, Reporter.

Special Day at Damascus Church

On May the 13 the pastor and members of the Damascus church, Hazlehurst, Miss., have arranged to have a special program consisting of songs, special music, and quartetts as special features for the day. The Program will be about as fol-

lows:

Hymn by congregation.

Prayer.

Quartette, Miss. College Boys.

Scripture Reading.

Quartette.

Sermon, Rev. H. I. Rushing.

Quartette.

Dismissal and Decoration of graves.

Dinner—12:-1:30.

Hymn by congregation.

Quartette.

Sermon—C. J. Rushing, pastor.

Quartette.

This program is arranged that it might inspire more of our members to attend the services and to create more interest in providing for the care of our cemetery and further promotion of the church activities. Everyone is extended a cordial invitation to come and bring along an extra bouquet of flowers for our aged and shut ins.

Fraternally,

C. J. Rushing.

Blodgett

A great revival has just closed at Blodgett Baptist Church. Rev. L. G. Gates of Laurel did the preaching. Bro. Gates was at his best and preached the gospel of Christ with great power. His messages seemed to be God's voice calling, to which many gave earnest heed and responded. In a plain, positive way and convincing manner he condemned sin of every kind. It was a true revival. The town of Blodgett and the Community around were affected in a great way by his preaching.

Miss Adelaide Gewin, teacher in public school was Pianist. Miss Nora Stephens, teacher, took charge of the Children's Choir and it was wonderful to hear those children lift their voices in praise to God.

Rev. B. A. Ashworth of Seminary, Miss., is pastor. He is a faithful worker, both in and out of the pulpit, always in search of lost souls, may the Lord add many years of usefulness to his life.

There were 16 added to the church on profession of Faith and one by letter.

Cardinal Mill Baptist Church, R. A.

Kyle, Pastor, West Point, Miss.

Just closed our meeting which began Sunday April 29th, and ran through May 6th. Bro. H. G. West of Ackerman, Miss., did the preaching. He is a great preacher and mixer and personal worker. All were helped by his preaching. The church was drawn close together and I am sure it was through the good work of Brother West, for his soul is on fire for lost souls. It is a joy to work with a man like Bro. West. May the God of all grace lengthen his days, and give him continued growth in knowledge, wisdom with God and man, that he may win many souls to Christ.

Only had four additions to the church, but I am sure others will follow. We crave the prayers of all God's people in our work here with these people. This is a newly organized church. Just organized

the second Sunday in January of that we may lead this people aright, this year. We crave your prayers,

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